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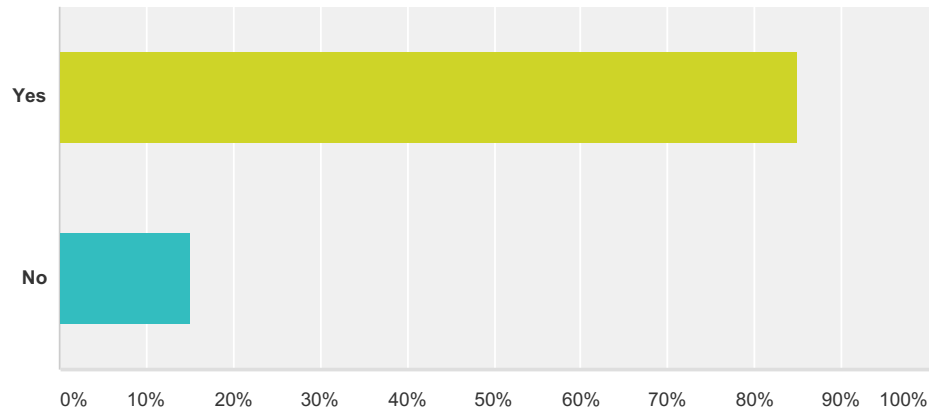
Appendix A

SurveyMonkey Raw Data

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Q1 Are you a resident of the City of Manitowoc?

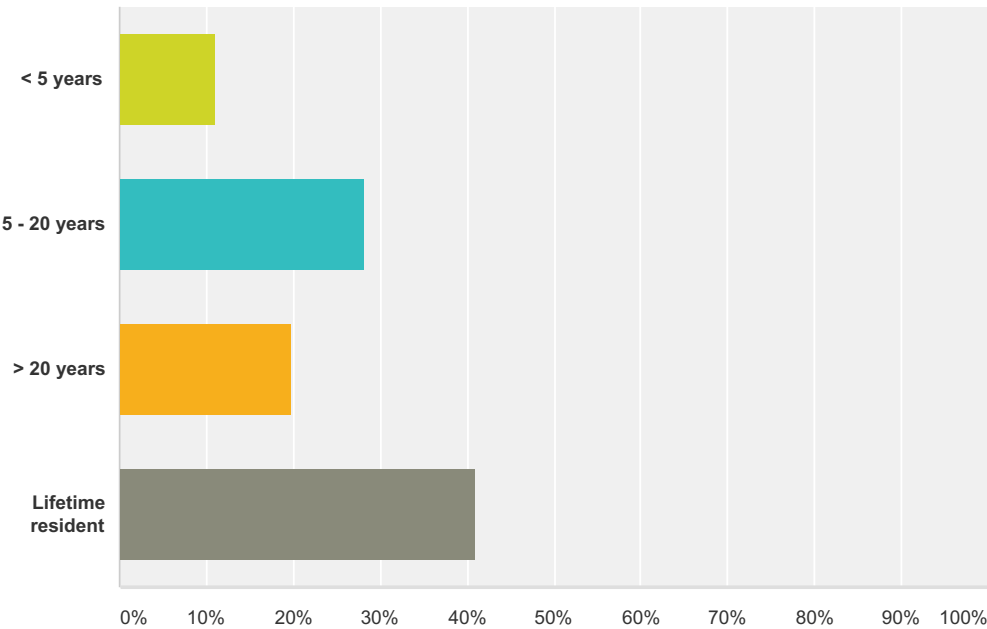
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	85.00%	544
No	15.00%	96
Total		640

Q2 If yes, how long have you lived the City of Manitowoc?

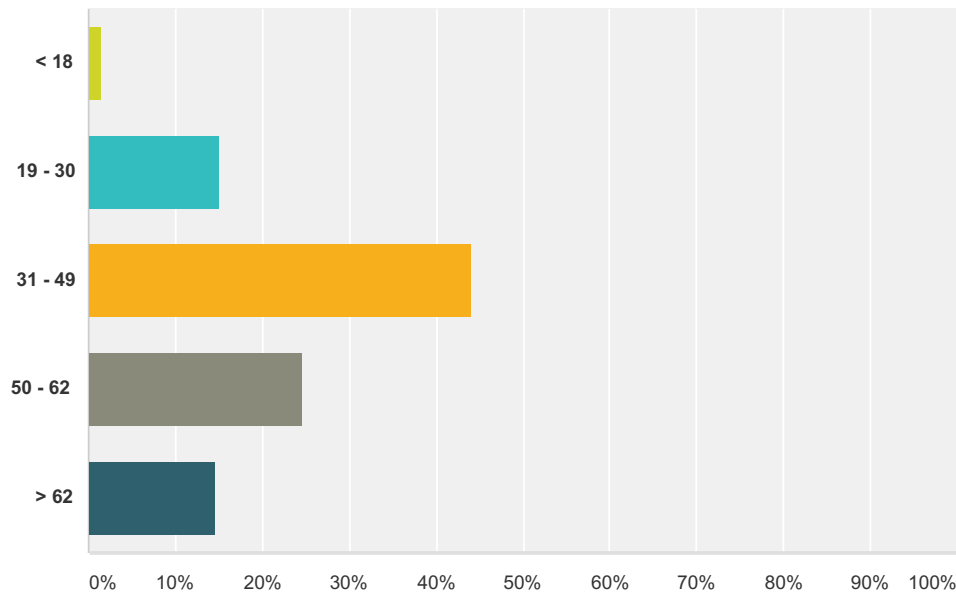
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Answer Choices	Responses	
< 5 years	11.01%	61
5 - 20 years	28.16%	156
> 20 years	19.86%	110
Lifetime resident	40.97%	227
Total		554

Q3 What is the age group of the person filling out this survey?

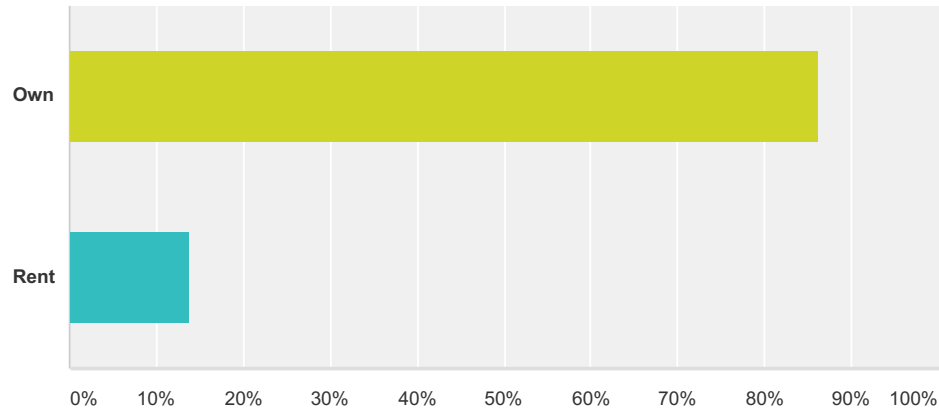
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Answer Choices	Responses	
< 18	1.55%	10
19 - 30	15.02%	97
31 - 49	44.12%	285
50 - 62	24.61%	159
> 62	14.71%	95
Total		646

Q4 Which of the following best describes the type of housing in which you presently live?

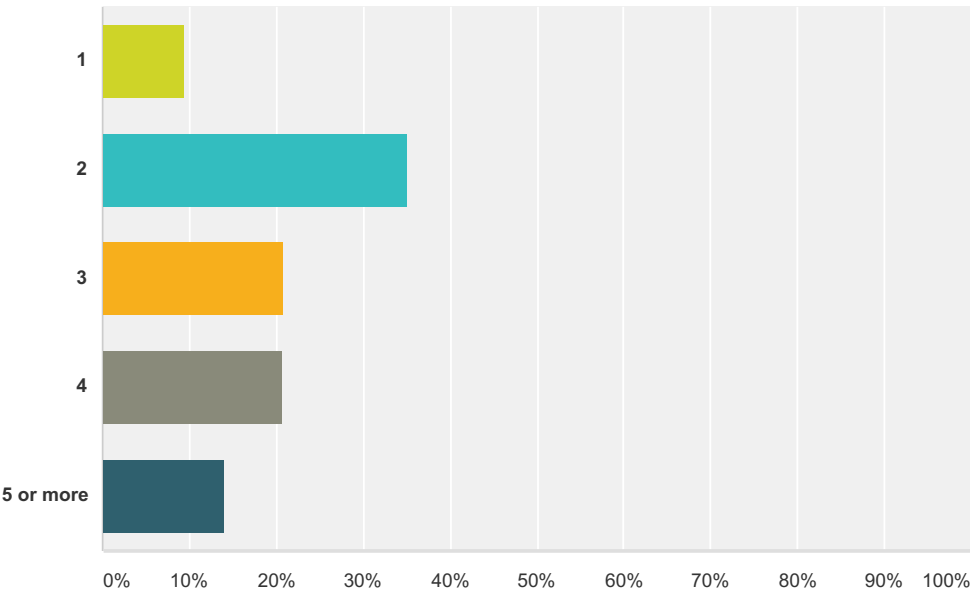
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Own	86.27%	553
Rent	13.73%	88
Total		641

Q5 How many people live in your household?

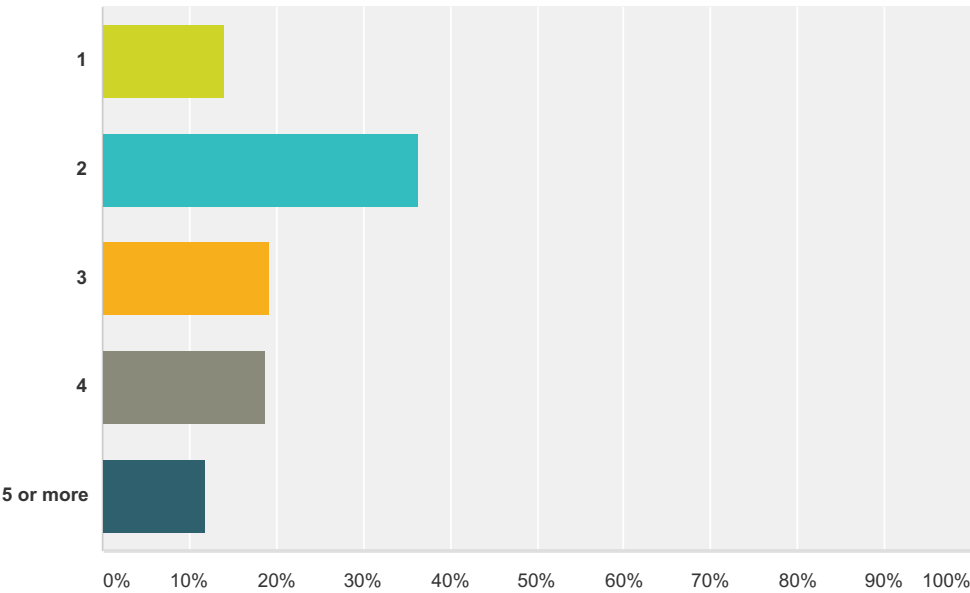
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Answer Choices	Responses	
1	9.39%	60
2	35.05%	224
3	20.97%	134
4	20.66%	132
5 or more	13.93%	89
Total		639

Q6 How many park users live in your household?

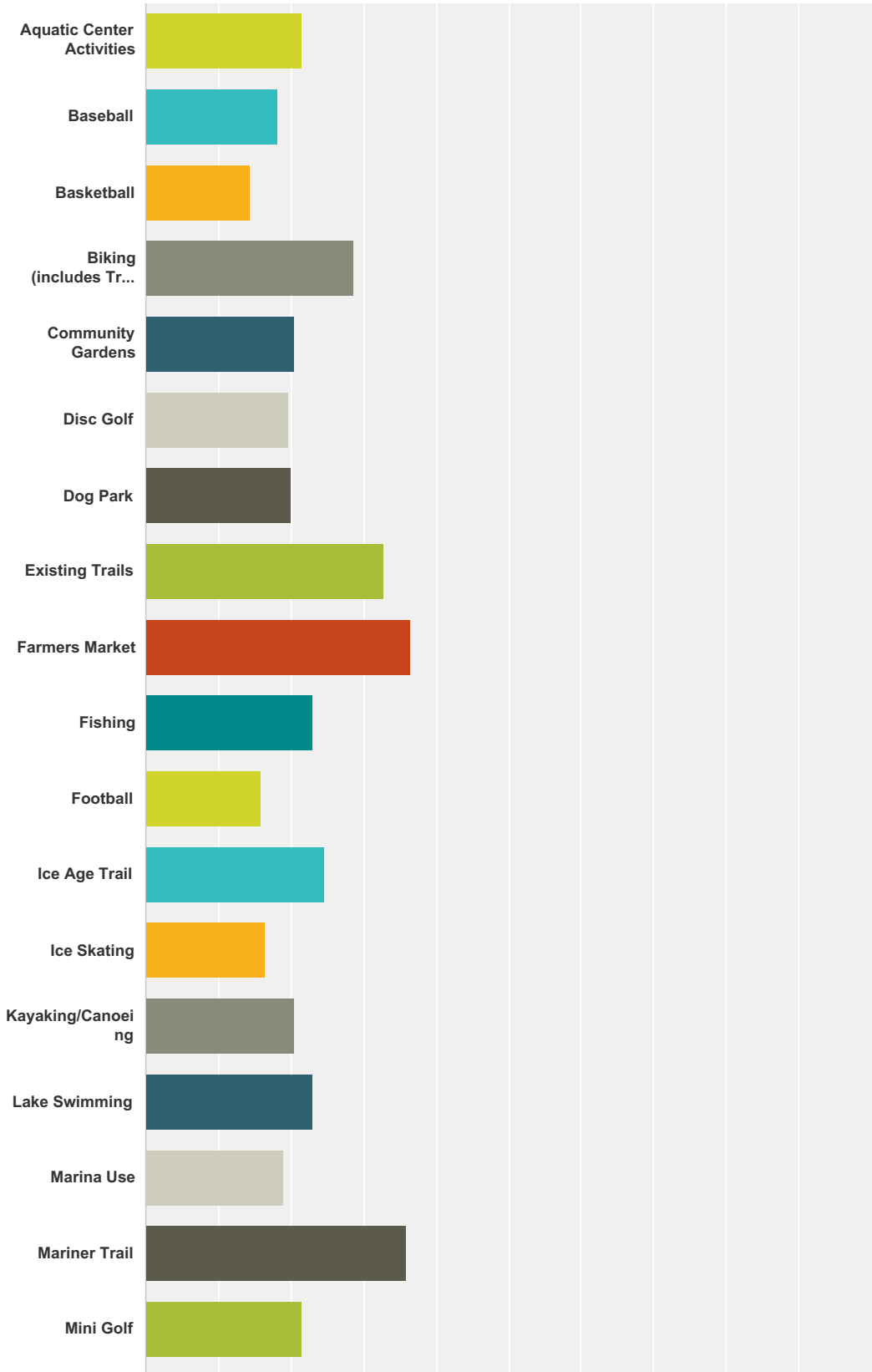
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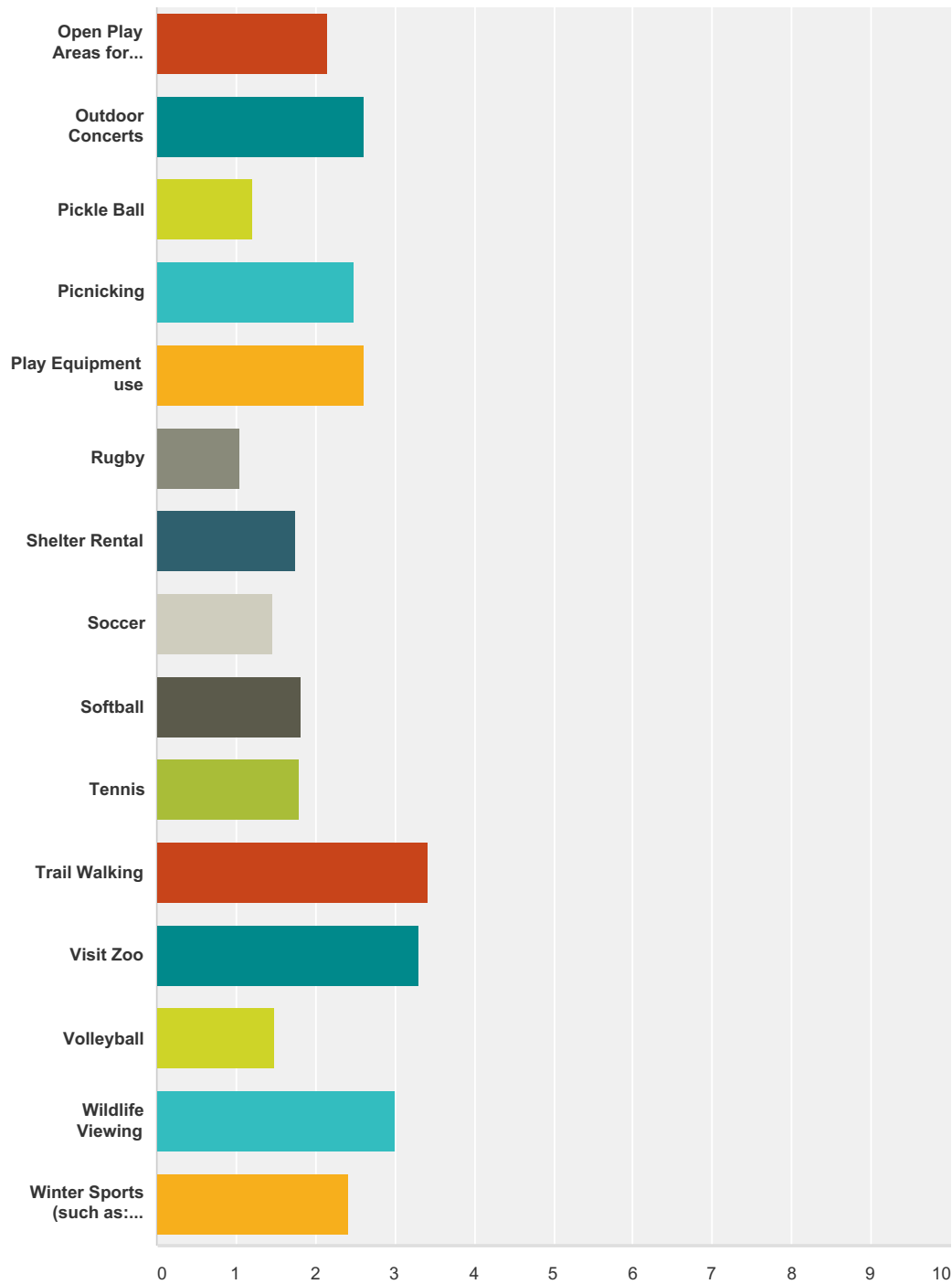


Answer Choices	Responses	
1	14.02%	90
2	36.29%	233
3	19.16%	123
4	18.69%	120
5 or more	11.84%	76
Total		642

Q7 What level of activity do you or your family currently participate in at the City Parks?

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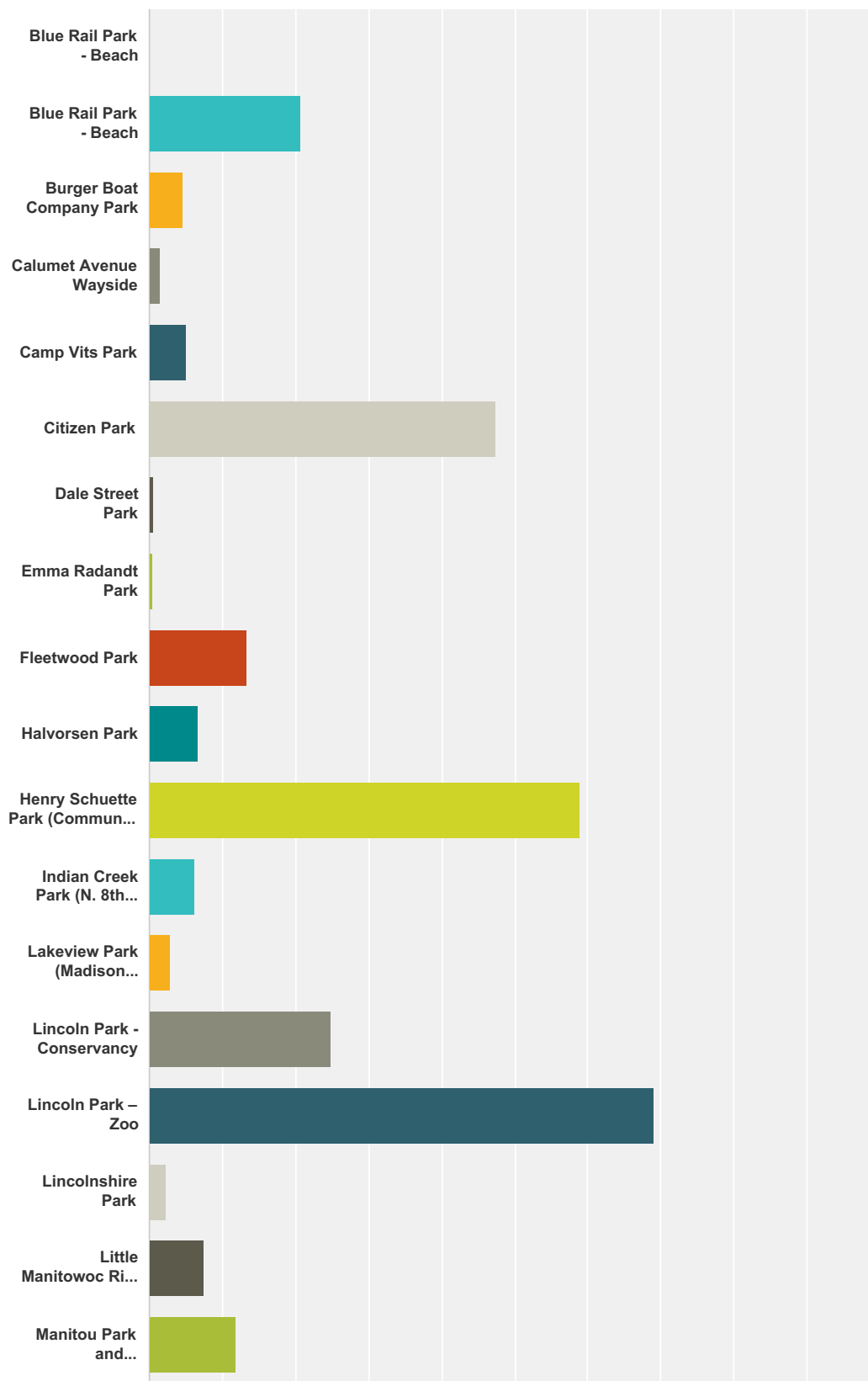
	5 Very Often	4	3	2	1 Never	Total	Weighted Average
Aquatic Center Activities	5.04% 31	7.97% 49	21.30% 131	28.29% 174	37.40% 230	615	2.15
Baseball	8.76% 53	5.29% 32	8.26% 50	14.88% 90	62.81% 380	605	1.82
Basketball	1.85% 11	2.36% 14	6.73% 40	16.67% 99	72.39% 430	594	1.45
Biking (includes Trail or Mountain biking)	19.39% 121	17.63% 110	19.39% 121	18.11% 113	25.48% 159	624	2.87

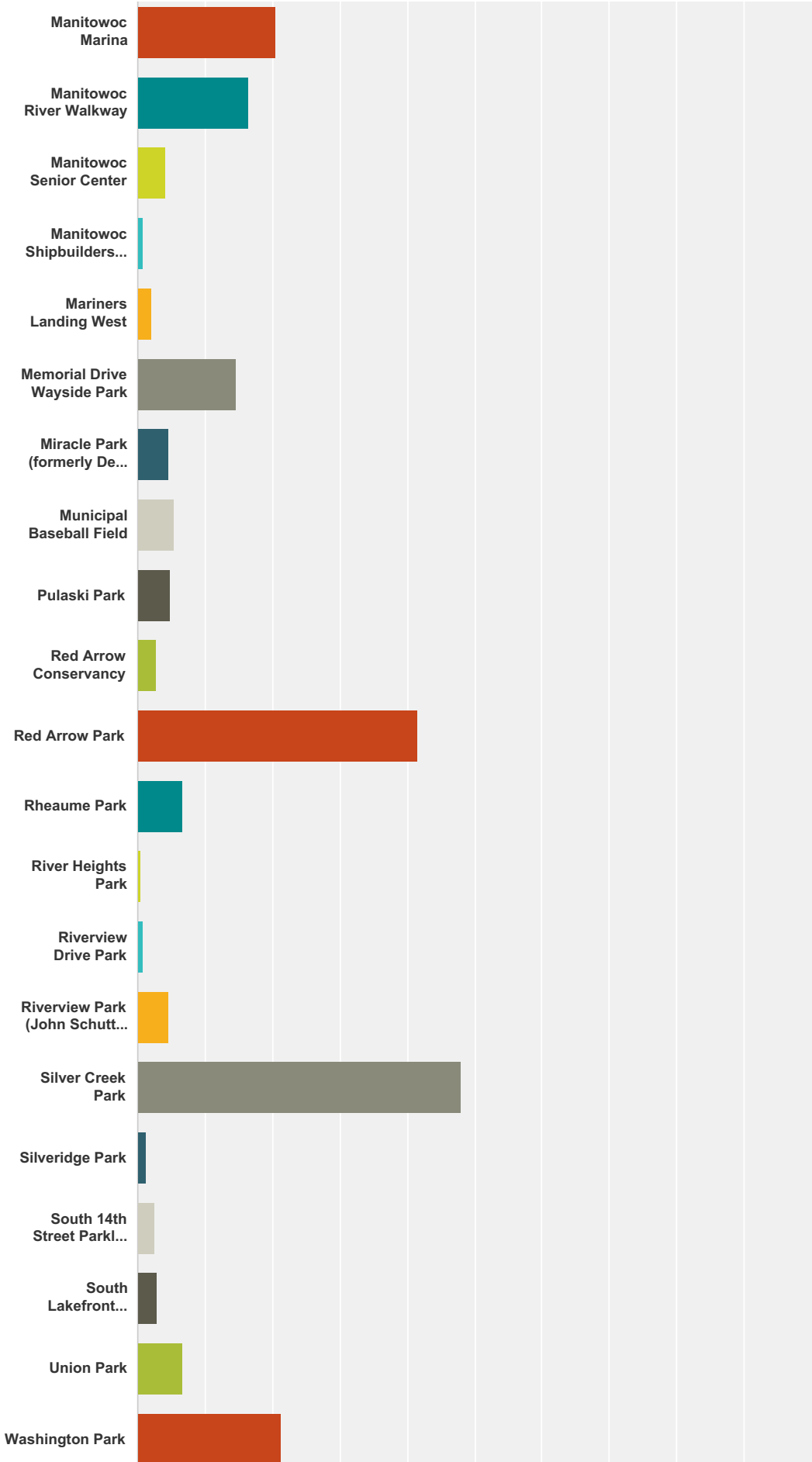
Community Gardens	8.73% 53	7.41% 45	14.00% 85	20.10% 122	49.75% 302	607	2.05
Disc Golf	6.10% 37	8.07% 49	13.34% 81	20.59% 125	51.89% 315	607	1.96
Dog Park	8.42% 51	9.41% 57	12.54% 76	13.86% 84	55.78% 338	606	2.01
Existing Trails	24.80% 154	20.29% 126	25.60% 159	16.26% 101	13.04% 81	621	3.28
Farmers Market	31.37% 197	25.80% 162	23.57% 148	14.97% 94	4.30% 27	628	3.65
Fishing	12.77% 78	9.33% 57	15.22% 93	19.97% 122	42.72% 261	611	2.29
Football	3.63% 22	4.79% 29	7.59% 46	15.35% 93	68.65% 416	606	1.59
Ice Age Trail	11.89% 73	12.54% 77	20.68% 127	20.52% 126	34.36% 211	614	2.47
Ice Skating	2.81% 17	3.64% 22	10.08% 61	21.49% 130	61.98% 375	605	1.64
Kayaking/Canoeing	6.21% 38	11.93% 73	13.07% 80	17.32% 106	51.47% 315	612	2.04
Lake Swimming	8.03% 49	12.30% 75	16.72% 102	26.07% 159	36.89% 225	610	2.29
Marina Use	5.93% 36	6.92% 42	14.66% 89	17.13% 104	55.35% 336	607	1.91
Mariner Trail	34.98% 219	23.96% 150	17.09% 107	13.10% 82	10.86% 68	626	3.59
Mini Golf	3.98% 24	10.28% 62	20.07% 121	27.53% 166	38.14% 230	603	2.14
Open Play Areas for Made-up Games	8.11% 49	8.77% 53	16.23% 98	22.85% 138	44.04% 266	604	2.14
Outdoor Concerts	9.84% 61	15.81% 98	24.03% 149	27.26% 169	23.06% 143	620	2.62
Pickle Ball	0.99% 6	1.32% 8	3.46% 21	7.08% 43	87.15% 529	607	1.22
Picnicking	9.03% 55	11.00% 67	24.63% 150	29.23% 178	26.11% 159	609	2.48
Play Equipment use	18.43% 113	11.58% 71	16.64% 102	17.78% 109	35.56% 218	613	2.60
Rugby	0.00% 0	0.33% 2	0.33% 2	2.64% 16	96.70% 586	606	1.04
Shelter Rental	1.46% 9	3.24% 20	13.78% 85	31.44% 194	50.08% 309	617	1.75
Soccer	3.97% 24	3.15% 19	5.79% 35	9.27% 56	77.81% 470	604	1.46
Softball	6.61% 40	8.10% 49	9.75% 59	11.57% 70	63.97% 387	605	1.82
Tennis	5.76% 35	5.76% 35	11.84% 72	15.13% 92	61.51% 374	608	1.79
Trail Walking	28.62% 180	23.37% 147	20.99% 132	15.90% 100	11.13% 70	629	3.42

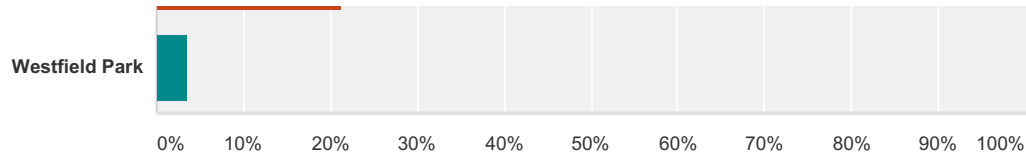
Visit Zoo	20.16% 126	23.20% 145	29.44% 184	20.64% 129	6.56% 41	625	3.30
Volleyball	1.66% 10	4.32% 26	6.98% 42	14.45% 87	72.59% 437	602	1.48
Wildlife Viewing	19.94% 123	17.83% 110	23.82% 147	20.10% 124	18.31% 113	617	3.01
Winter Sports (such as: Sledding, CC Skiing)	7.86% 48	12.77% 78	25.20% 154	22.26% 136	31.91% 195	611	2.42

Q8 Please select the five (5) parks you or your family currently use most often; (see attached map for park location reference)

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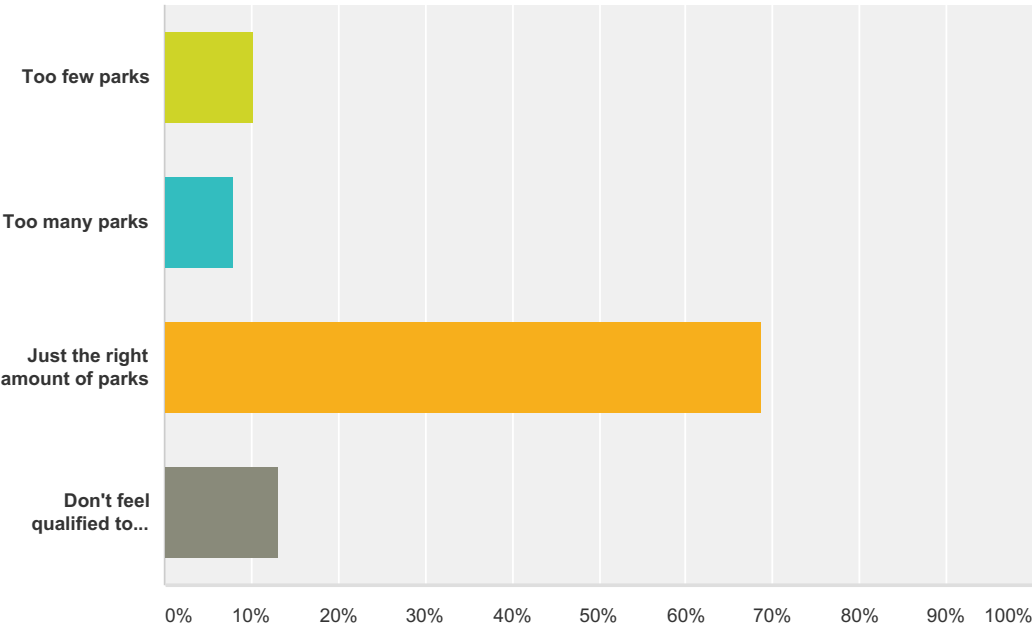


Answer Choices	Responses
Blue Rail Park - Beach	0.00% 0
Blue Rail Park - Beach	20.59% 133
Burger Boat Company Park	4.64% 30
Calumet Avenue Wayside	1.39% 9
Camp Vits Park	5.11% 33
Citizen Park	47.37% 306
Dale Street Park	0.62% 4
Emma Radandt Park	0.46% 3
Fleetwood Park	13.31% 86
Halvorsen Park	6.66% 43
Henry Schuette Park (Community Built Playground and Lower Park)	58.82% 380
Indian Creek Park (N. 8th St. Disc Golf)	6.19% 40
Lakeview Park (Madison School)	2.94% 19
Lincoln Park - Conservancy	24.92% 161
Lincoln Park – Zoo	69.04% 446
Lincolnshire Park	2.32% 15
Little Manitowoc River Walkway	7.43% 48
Manitou Park and Conservancy	11.92% 77
Manitowoc Marina	20.43% 132
Manitowoc River Walkway	16.41% 106
Manitowoc Senior Center	4.18% 27
Manitowoc Shipbuilders Company Park	0.77% 5
Mariners Landing West	2.17% 14
Memorial Drive Wayside Park	14.55% 94
Miracle Park (formerly Dewey Street Park)	4.64% 30
Municipal Baseball Field	5.42% 35
Pulaski Park	4.80% 31
Red Arrow Conservancy	2.79% 18
Red Arrow Park	41.49% 268
Rheume Park	6.66% 43

River Heights Park	0.46%	3
Riverview Drive Park	0.93%	6
Riverview Park (John Schutte Park)	4.49%	29
Silver Creek Park	47.99%	310
Silveridge Park	1.24%	8
South 14th Street Parkland (Community Gardens)	2.48%	16
South Lakefront Wayside (warmwaters)	2.94%	19
Union Park	6.66%	43
Washington Park	21.21%	137
Westfield Park	3.56%	23
Total Respondents: 646		

Q9 In your opinion, the City of Manitowoc has: (check one answer only)

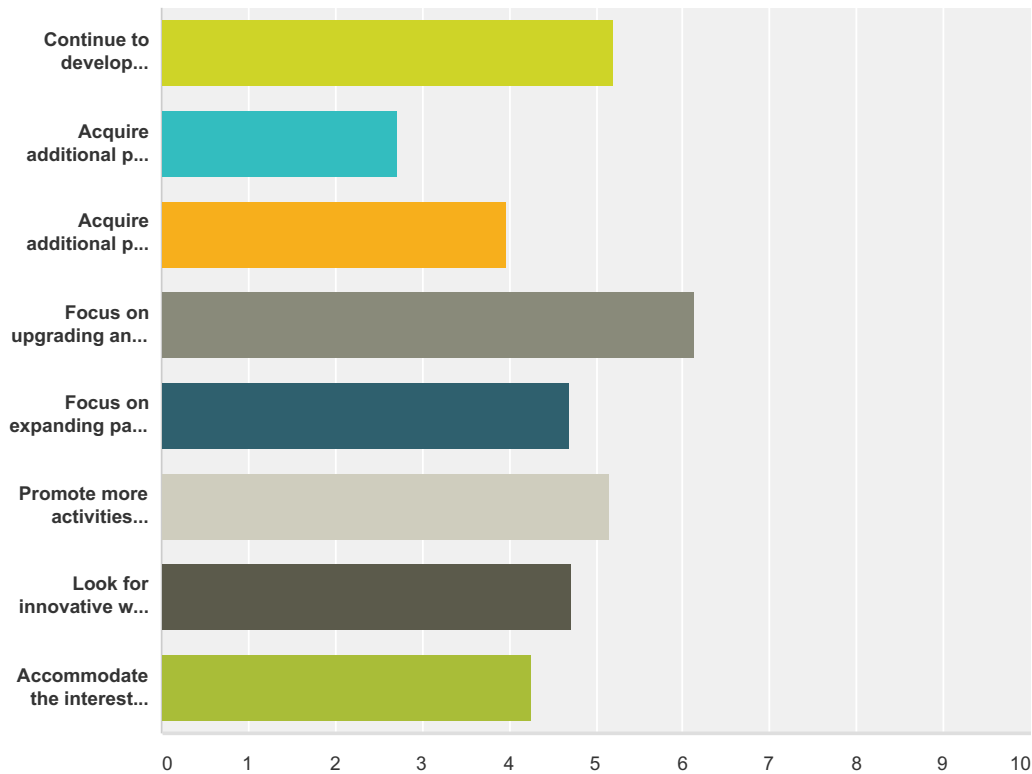
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Too few parks	10.20%	65
Too many parks	8.01%	51
Just the right amount of parks	68.60%	437
Don't feel qualified to answer this question	13.19%	84
Total		637

Q10 Please rank in order what directions the City should pursue relative to the existing park system: (1 = Highest Priority, 8 = Least Priority)

Answered: 632 Skipped: 14

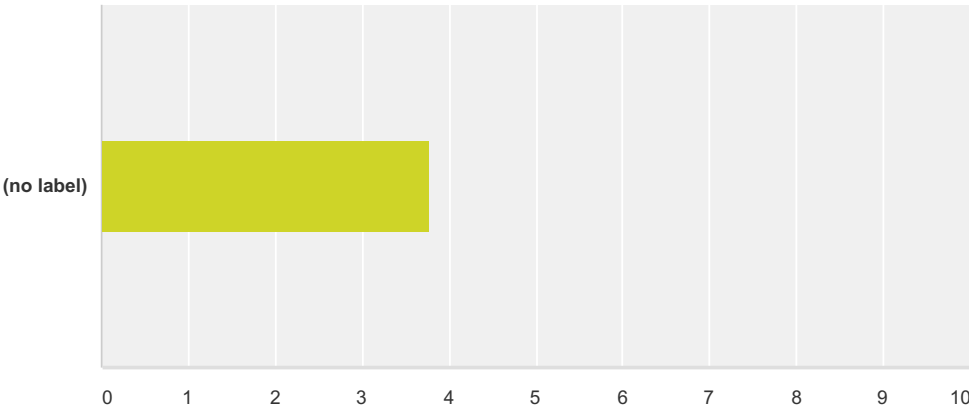


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	Score
Continue to develop opportunities to expand the existing trail systems between parks and city points of interest.	21.31% 107	13.15% 66	13.94% 70	12.75% 64	13.55% 68	11.75% 59	6.57% 33	6.97% 35	502	5.20
Acquire additional park land for future active sports facilities (i.e. ball diamonds, sports fields, etc.)	5.96% 31	4.62% 24	3.85% 20	5.00% 26	7.12% 37	11.92% 62	17.50% 91	44.04% 229	520	2.71
Acquire additional park land as natural areas with low impact uses like trails.	7.14% 38	12.22% 65	11.65% 62	9.02% 48	9.02% 48	13.72% 73	23.50% 125	13.72% 73	532	3.96
Focus on upgrading and maintaining park facilities at existing parks.	36.08% 188	18.43% 96	15.36% 80	9.79% 51	6.33% 33	6.14% 32	3.26% 17	4.61% 24	521	6.14
Focus on expanding park facilities at existing parks.	6.16% 33	16.42% 88	14.18% 76	18.10% 97	15.30% 82	12.69% 68	12.87% 69	4.29% 23	536	4.69
Promote more activities (water based, festivals or otherwise) along the Lake Shore.	17.16% 93	15.68% 85	16.42% 89	11.99% 65	14.94% 81	10.15% 55	5.90% 32	7.75% 42	542	5.15
Look for innovative ways to promote more activities in underutilized parks. Examples could include such activities as community gardens, farmers markets, craft shows, concerts, etc.	8.89% 49	13.61% 75	16.33% 90	16.88% 93	13.61% 75	12.89% 71	12.16% 67	5.63% 31	551	4.72

Accommodate the interests of local conservation, civic and other organizations as partners in the planning and development of existing and future parks.	9.03% 55	9.36% 57	10.51% 64	14.78% 90	17.73% 108	15.60% 95	10.84% 66	12.15% 74	609	4.26
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Q11 Please respond to this statement: "I feel safe using City parks and trails".

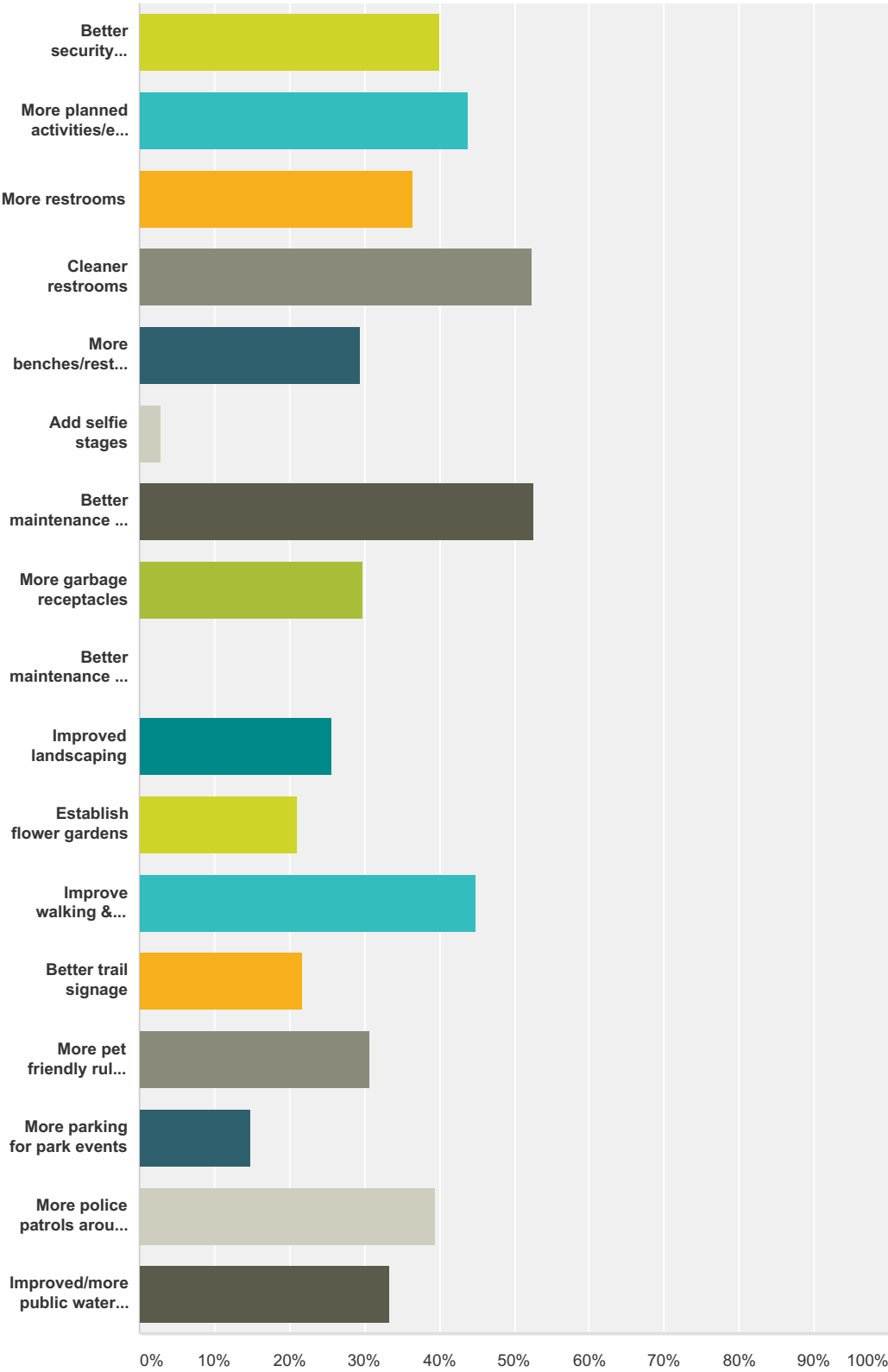
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	21.75% 139	45.23% 289	22.07% 141	9.70% 62	1.25% 8	639	3.77

Q12 What amenities do you feel would improve your experience when using the City Parks (check all that apply)?

Answered: 629 Skipped: 17



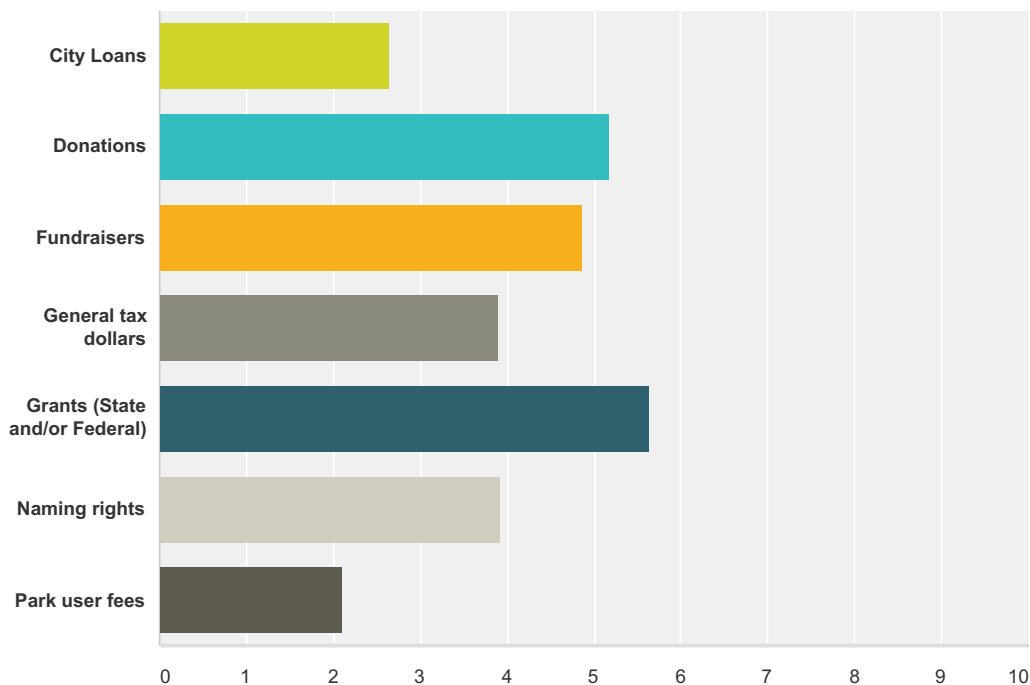
Answer Choices	Responses	
Better security lighting	40.06%	252
More planned activities/events to increase park use	43.88%	276
More restrooms	36.57%	230
Cleaner restrooms	52.31%	329
More benches/rest areas	29.41%	185
Add selfie stages	3.02%	19
Better maintenance of existing facilities and grounds	52.62%	331
More garbage receptacles	29.89%	188
Better maintenance of existing facilities	0.00%	0
Improved landscaping	25.60%	161
Establish flower gardens	21.14%	133
Improve walking & biking trail conditions	44.83%	282
Better trail signage	21.78%	137
More pet friendly rules and areas within parks	30.68%	193
More parking for park events	14.79%	93
More police patrols around the parks	39.43%	248
Improved/more public water access to area water resources.	33.39%	210
Total Respondents: 629		

Q13 Comment Box: Please provide written comments for the following question: "If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System, I would change or pursue the following": _____

Answered: 384 Skipped: 262

Q14 Please rank in order the use of funding sources for future park improvements. (1 = Most Preferred, 7 = Least Preferred)

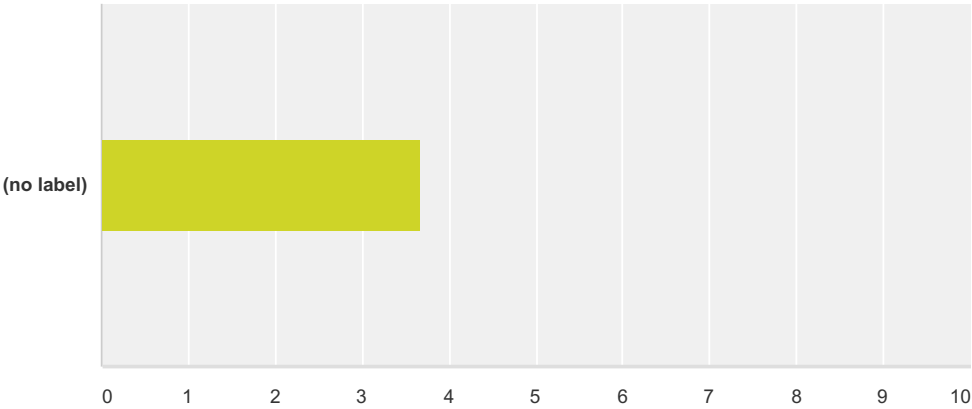
Answered: 595 Skipped: 51



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Score
City Loans	3.42% 18	5.13% 27	6.08% 32	7.60% 40	20.34% 107	31.94% 168	25.48% 134	526	2.66
Donations	16.83% 88	29.25% 153	27.92% 146	13.38% 70	7.46% 39	3.82% 20	1.34% 7	523	5.18
Fundraisers	13.41% 72	24.95% 134	22.35% 120	21.42% 115	11.73% 63	4.28% 23	1.86% 10	537	4.87
General tax dollars	12.70% 71	11.63% 65	9.84% 55	17.53% 98	22.72% 127	18.60% 104	6.98% 39	559	3.90
Grants (State and/or Federal)	45.77% 260	16.37% 93	15.32% 87	11.27% 64	4.75% 27	3.35% 19	3.17% 18	568	5.64
Naming rights	8.19% 46	11.92% 67	15.66% 88	22.60% 127	18.51% 104	16.19% 91	6.94% 39	562	3.92
Park user fees	4.20% 24	2.62% 15	3.32% 19	6.64% 38	11.01% 63	16.96% 97	55.24% 316	572	2.10

Q15 Please respond to this statement; " I would be in favor of the City allocating tax dollars to fund future park projects".

Answered: 636 Skipped: 10



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	22.33% 142	40.88% 260	23.74% 151	7.70% 49	5.35% 34	636	3.67

Q16 Comment Box: Please provide any additional comments related to any of the Park and Recreation survey questions.

Answered: 172 Skipped: 474

Appendix B

Survey Comments

Questions 13 and 16

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Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: New Ideas

- More areas like Schuette park, with lots of different types of play experiences for kids. I would work on maintenance of parks, repairing damaged equipment and would increase police patrols around some parks (Union Park).
- Improve what we have. Get rid of the old and unused places of Manitowoc and replace with upgrades. Things that will bring life to Manitowoc.
- I would add more bathroom to citizens park, clean up the softball fields, and add a splash pad for the kids on the south side of town
- Adding more beauty to the parks, flowers. Bettering the zoo, it has gotten really run down. :(
- Update current parks and focus on lower Schuette for exercise equipment trail
- Improve what is already exists and capitalize on the lakefront.
- Make sure our biggest parks are maintained and improved. Seek volunteer groups to maintain and improve smaller or neighborhood parks. Bring the 4th of July celebration back to Silver Creek Park. Have well marked and maintained trails in our biggest parks, maybe signs pointing out items of interest, types of trees, etc., give distances of different trails so people could use them for fitness purposes. No minors in park after dark unless accompanied by adult or during special events. Biggest thing: get volunteer groups to help maintain, clean, and improve parks.
- 1. Focus on the beach area in Manitowoc. So much potential to bring in tourists. Clean it up and it could potentially be a gold mine for the city. 2. Making a biking trail from 151 by McDonalds to the beach to downtown which would then attach to the Mariners trail. 3. I would consider putting cameras in our parks. heroin needles are all over our parks we need to deter crime, drug users are throwing their used needles on our beaches and city parks. Many parents are refusing to bring their children to parks
- I would start with fixing the facilities that actually bring in revenue. Basketball and tennis courts are free, the softball diamonds we actually have to pay to play leagues on and if the decline in participation is not a clear sign of how the facilities and programs have been being ran I don't know what is. Also, the parking situation at Citizens park was obviously not thought out when adding the youth diamonds. Should look into getting the adult diamonds up to the same caliber as the kids.
- Improvements to existing facilities. Make the most out of what we already have. After facilities and equipment is upgraded, work on making those places a safe place for all ages to be, and make them places where bad people do not want to be caught doing bad things. Understand current trends with park users as to what activities are popular or unpopular and make adjustments as needed, i.e. Increasing public basketball facilities (popular), or adding disc golf areas (popular).
- I would build an indoor park for winter time.
- Add more playground equipment again to Pulaski Park. Especially the big red slide that past generations grew up on.
- More activities for family and children
- Larger areas like Silver Creek and Lincoln Park
- Updating playground equipment...like at Silver Creek Park

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: New Ideas

- I would not invest any more money in ANY SOUTH SIDE PARKS!!!! I would raise admission prices at the pool.
- Move the Farmers Market to Washington Park
- Softball complex with fences that can bring sanctioned tournaments back
- I would have a welcome to the park day once a month. Each month at a different park and have fun stuff and food and music all year round raising money for the parks and something to do for teens and families.
- Continue bringing in or providing community events for families and for adults. Also, to provide bike lanes throughout the city!
- Splash pad, more areas for very young children.
- Repurpose red arrow parks baseball fields into soccer fields
- More lighting. Being a female, I feel I am constantly looking over my shoulder when I am disc golfing as it gets closer to dark. Another bathroom facility would be nice at Silver Creek.
- Add bathrooms close to existing parks and upgrade parks. Create a great beach in Manitowoc for Lake Michigan. Community events connecting music, library, community garden to the parks.
- A completely revamped Farmers Market with a shelter built to cover each vendor. Simple curtains around it to deter high winds. It could be used year-round, especially in conjunction with skating and other winter festivities.
- During special events with large attendance we need shuttle service, people shouldn't have to park so far away from events.
- Set up a Beer Garden(s) like Milwaukee does.
- Improve Dale Street Park it is the saddest playground. Schuette playground is great and nearby, but the big kids over run the little ones, it's just too many people. Dale Park could be a great neighborhood park, it's right next to Franklin school so it would be a great place for families to wait for bigger kids to get out of school.
- More equipment at playgrounds for small children under 5 years old. access to drinking water at playgrounds. more restrooms at playgrounds.
- Move the 4th of July picnic and firework display to Red Arrow Park.
- I would add a park for the children in the subdivision off County B west onto Albert Drive. So many kids and nowhere to play.
- Improve the softball diamonds so teams would come back to Manitowoc instead of going to Two Rivers, Francis Creek, or Sheboygan.
- Shelters
- A permanent, clean, possibly sheltered area for the Farmer's Market, with high visibility and accessible to allow a high flow or volume of people.
- Splash pads!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- developing the roads along the river that lead from the SS Badger docking sight to downtown so that they give a sense of the liveliness and culture of our town

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: New Ideas

- Add facilities (tennis!) at Silver Creek Park. AND increase the status of the park system through upgrades and activities aimed at a broader range of citizens.
- I wouldn't change anything in Union Park. Even though I am Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System, this is the only park I utilize.
- Open up Camp Vita Park to off highway motorized vehicles.
- Making Manitowoc a premier paddling destination especially in light of the Spirit of the Rivers monument going up in a year.
- Please replace the shredded tires at Henry Schuette Park with a more modern and safer alternative.
- I would pursue more disc golf parks and lakefront activities such as affordable kayak or jet ski rentals. We have a beautiful resource we need to further tap into.
- Beautification of river frontage that now has past industrial eye sores. Remove old silos, buildings and clean up the rubble like other communities have done.
- Make the parks an enjoyable place for young and old.
- Add splash pads to some of the parks and more shelters. The parks need basketball courts and tennis courts more trees
- Updating outdated facilities.
- Construct a multi-pitch soccer facility w/ parking, restrooms, bleachers, and concession. Most cities in NEW have soccer facility for school and club use.
- CP3 and Westfield are poor places to play softball due to the placement of home plate causes the sun to shine in the fielder's eyes. The lights on the softball fields are too low and poor. A few of the ball fields like Rheaume and Halverson hold water. Fleetwood Park should have bathrooms.
- Improve lower Schuette Park. The trails are overgrown and it doesn't feel like a safe environment.
- Increase the number of animals in the zoo.
- More softball fields for men's slow pitch. There are not enough in Manitowoc. Make little league or girls softball use the little league fields.
- Acquire new parking areas for the Citizen Park ballfields.
- Add more tennis courts at Red Arrow Park – lighted.
- Put some money into the Rubik Football Field. All other teams that come to Manitowoc have facilities that they can be proud of...ours is so outdated.
- Unique park equipment for the children and plenty of benches for adults to sit while taking children and/or enjoying the area. Remember all citizens; seems like everything is going to "team activities" which take up much of the room used by basic park goers.
- Upgrade the softball fields at citizen park
- More animals at the zoo

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: New Ideas

- More outdoor events
- A common complex for multiple sports would be beneficial to the city. Many other municipalities have large and beautiful complexes for baseball, basketball and soccer. Having one location would be helpful for families that might have children participating in multiple activities at the same time.
- I would build a facility that has multiple basketball courts that can be used for tournaments for volleyball, basketball, baseball etc.
- Put a park in the Woodridge Estates subdivision with a children's play structure.
- More green space in neighborhoods.
- Improve softball diamonds.
- Turning Red Arrow Park into a destination Park!
- Would love to see Lower Schuette Park set up to accommodate Obstacle Course Training and Racing.
- I would make more family friendly parks. Places where grandparents can take the grandchildren An indoor park for winter months. Schuette Park is always busy however. Get rid of the shredded tires on the ground, too hot and messy.
- A public football field. Utilizing the north side mall lot for something other than living area for senior citizens and apartments. I.e. More improved mini golf park, mini shops, food. (Themed?)
- More child friendly parks with better play equipment that suites a variety of ages.
- Running obstacle course at lower Schutte Park.
- More natural wooded areas with trails
- Close the water park.
- I would like to see a restroom, or at the very least port a potties out by the dog walk area of the arena. I think it avoid going out there because it's a long walk with no place to "go".
- Expand city WIFI to park areas. In 2017, we live in a connected world.
- Improve on current ones and more activities/festivals.
- Add some well-maintained soccer fields or coop with Goal Getters on more and improved soccer fields, Upgrade/update the baseball diamonds (fencing, infield and upkeep), and add a sand volleyball, more parking and another big playground at the southwest corner of CP - that park can really be a focal point of the city now.
- Update some of the playgrounds so children stay entertain longer and bench space for parents to sit and safely watch their children.
- More activities for teens and young adults also things for scuba diving.
- Adding a park to the Woodridge subdivision.
- Whitewater Park like in Wausau.

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Response: New Ideas

- For the organizations working in collaboration with the City, sometimes moving through government processes in meetings can be a lengthy process and an educational curve. Thank goodness for Chad Scheinoha and Nic Sparcio. Without their support, the relationship between my organization and the City would be a daunting task at best. If I were in charge, I would try to work collaboratively on grants to help improve the parks with the non-profit or friends' groups. I know that without a doubt, funders look favorably upon deeply connected partnerships. I look at how the City of Milwaukee has their HOME GR/OWN department, and I would love for my organization to serve in this capacity, not only through the Parks Department, but also through the Planning Department and alongside Progress Lakeshore. Our community is surrounded by agriculture...our County will have a museum of sorts dedicated to it; I would love our City to follow the initiatives in the 2009 Comprehensive Plan that focuses on areas of sustainability, and urban agriculture (community gardens and farmers markets).
- Develop more multi-sport parks. Many parks are either one sport or another. Few are available for use for multiple sports. Part of this is size of the fields I suppose.
- We need to invest in our community and make it a desirable place for young people and young families to choose to live. Manitowoc has experienced a HUGE brain drain. Our best and brightest are leaving. We need to do whatever we can to make Manitowoc appealing--best employment opportunities, best outdoor facilities, best family activities and amenities, best schools. We tend to be fiscally conservative, and it is not working to our benefit. Those of us left behind are older, sicker, and less well educated than our counterparts in adjacent counties.
- Add an indoor water park year-round.
- Update playground equipment at Citizen's park to go along with baseball field enhancements.
- Develop the water front, Missing many opportunities!
- Pursue improving the fitness equipment at Lower Schuette Park. Outfit trails at Lower Schuette Park with obstacles (OCR style).
- An indoor park to provide entertainment/activities year-round.
- More public, family spaces, not less.
- We frequent Fleetwood Park almost daily but there is no restroom. One time my little guy had to go potty and we had walked to the park. I had to have him go in the woods or he would have had an accident. I am not ok with that. Rheume Park, which is smaller, has a shelter AND a bathroom. Why not Fleetwood? Especially with the tennis courts there!
- Build an enclosure around the fantastic aquatic center so it can be utilized all year long. The facility is better than Blue Harbor or Tundra lodge. The city is not using the aquatic centers full potential. It would be filled all the time.
- Create more family friendly events.
- Bring back a few of the historic sights our parks used to have (water fountain feature, statue).
- Parking at Camp Vita
- Better and more use of Washington Park for events like the farmers market and crafts events.
- Food trucks at parks, especially Mariners Trail and downtown areas.

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- Adding a park in Royal Oaks/Country Estates, as we are the only subdivision in the City without a park in walking distance.
- Making the aquatic center indoors and year-round. There are so few places families can go in the winter to be active. When it was built I heard a lot of feedback from citizens saying it was a waste of money because it could only be used for a few months- Enclosing it would make this concern invalid.
- Add more restrooms and add more trails
- Make one big, beautiful park, with multiple soccer fields, baseball/ softball fields, trails to walk, bike and jog through. Have some picnic areas. Add some play equipment and a few basketball courts. Just the other night, I/we were in Neenah and they had a big, beautiful park (Memorial Park) with all the items I just mentioned. There was a softball game going on, and three separate soccer games occurring. People were hiking on trails throughout the park. There were big, nice trees throughout the park for scenery and shade. They actually had nice grass, rather than weeds all over their baseball and soccer fields. All surrounding communities (i.e. Kimberly, Kaukauna, Neenah, Appleton, etc.) have similar setups. It is a fun atmosphere, with a lot happening. Manitowoc has the worst looking park system I have traveled to within northeast Wisconsin region. Competitive teams and out of town people, coming to visit/ play against us, have commented on the poor conditions. Good improvements are occurring at Citizen Park, and the Aquatic Center is one of our highlights. Out of town people do come to Manitowoc for the Aquatic Center. I think local government officials should visit some of the surrounding communities to get an idea of what a lively, eye-pleasing park should look like. Then, Manitowoc should work to build one. I'd be happy to serve on a local committee to work towards this goal.
- I would replace the playground equipment at Pulaski Park, very old. Cleaner parks
- Greater green space for family enjoyment. Higher penalties for those who chose to damage the parks.
- Provide some parking at Camp Vita.
- Convert another existing park into a dog park, aside from the one out on the pier. Some people can't walk that far.
- I would have a neighborhood community gardens in abandoned or underutilized spots. It increases neighbor interaction and makes our community safer. I would not, however, have only one organization oversee this as agendas don't create a community atmosphere. We need more nature, too. Trees, flowers, and water to attract birds and pollinators. It helps keep people happy and healthy:)
- I would work on upgrading the existing parks as many are outdated and look worn down. I would also try to increase security and inspection of the areas to avoid the current drug issues and materials that seem to be popping up in the city.
- I would clean and update many of the parks specifically Pulaski Park. The equipment has vandalism and swear words carved in. This park is in a lower income area where kids tend to roam throughout the day. If possible install security cameras and upgrade the equipment. We all know the risks associated with growing up in poverty. Why not provide a safe, updated resource for the children who might not have access to the resources to go to parks like the Henry Schuette If you simply drive through the area you will see kids wandering and at times playing in the street. The area includes many uncontrolled intersections which poses an obvious risk to the safety of children with no safe place to play. If we are able to clean up this area it could attract more families of all economic stand points as the houses in the area are very affordable but currently it is looked at as a bad area. Taking care of parks, reducing vandalism, and updating Pulaski Park could help bring this neighborhood back to life.

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- Washington Park is at the heart of the city. Make it an attraction for larger musical acts, continue to increase its aesthetic value, and police it to keep crime to a minimum. Also, expand the beach between the piers and the Yacht club to allow for more beach area. Also, improve upon the softball diamonds at CP. The baseball complex will be outstanding, now let's update the softball complex so that it is an attraction for men's softball tournaments and leagues.
- Update rental shelters. Update Schuette Park trail exercise stops
- Upgrading of Lincoln Park. So much room and underutilized. Bike/walking path from the NE ends in middle of a field a long way from the playground etc.
- Promoting physical fitness by upgrading the VITA Course, adding outdoor adult fitness parks, add more hiking trails. Possibly along old train tracks.
- I would add pickleball specific courts (not tennis courts). I would create more bike trails like Mariners trail. Maybe something along the river going west to hook up with VITA park.
- Better playground equipment and more nature trails.
- Sell smaller parks at a premium for development, or to an adjacent neighbor for their own use.
- We need more events and things to draw people to Manitowoc. Let's use the facilities we have. Put some of the budget money into creating and maintaining events. Start supporting community organizations that are already working on keeping their events alive, and help them out instead of taxing them to death and nickel-and-diming them. Look at Lakeshore Weekend. What a shame. They will not be continuing to plan this great event in part because the city added an additional \$5,000 to their already struggling budget. Do something to help nonprofits hold successful events at our parks, not price gauge them, and we may see some more activities in this town.
- Bringing more events or better conditions to parks that are down town. To bring the down town back to life. For example, when Pokémon go was big. Seeing all those people downtown was great!
- I would pursue the creation of a fenced in dog park in an area not near the lake similar to Zander Park in Two Rivers.
- I would build a very large fenced in dog park at Indian Creek park. This is already being used by citizens that can go leash less with their dogs. We desperately need an easily accessible dog park that has ample space to really work out the dog. This area provides all of the essential requirements necessary.
- Security, nights summer parks, large indoor water park.
- More craft events and nature trails for both walking and biking. Upgrade parks play systems or build a community park on the South Side.
- More trail connections and more community garden areas.
- Make Schuette Park a crown jewel connected by a bridge to Manitou Park
- More activities and events to draw tourist. Was just at the food truck event in Kohler thinking we could have this in Manitowoc.
- More paved bike trails. What about an athletic facility where tournaments (basketball and volleyball) could be hosted bringing more people in overnight and eating here. The mall area would be nice or somewhere in the industrial park area.

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- Increase access to parks, i.e., bike trails, access from lake or even bus shelters and bus stops
- Updating/upgrading red arrow park-this could easily be the "Neshotah Beach" of Manitowoc; offering more weekly activities at Washington Park i.e., Exercise classes, concerts, etc.

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Response: Maintenance - Related

- More areas like Schuette Park, with lots of different types of play experiences for kids. I would work on maintenance of parks, repairing damaged equipment and would increase police patrols around some parks (Union Park).
- Take pride in how all parks are taken care of.
- I would make sure that there is access to drinking water at all the parks.
- Repairs
- Quality not quantity of parks; focus on major parks that would draw people from all around want to visit and get rid of small park that the upkeep cost more than what it's used
- Make improvements to current parks
- More frequent cleanings/maintenance of the current parks allowing families to utilize them safely.
- Many of the parks we currently have are in need of care and maintenance. The playground facilities at Schuette park have loose boards, loose or missing fenceposts, and could use someone to simply do trash pickup on a more frequent basis. This is just one example. Citizen's Park playground also has broken equipment and we have in the past found used condoms mixed in with the woodchips. Simply fixing the current equipment and keeping them clean would go a long way.
- Rake sand at beaches and keep clean
- I would maintain and/or upgrade the existing parks. Manitowoc already has so many nice parks - adding more without updating the existing parks just would not make any sense. Promotion of what parks are available would be nice too. I am a lifelong resident and while I am aware of most of the parks listed on this map, there are some I have never even heard of.
- Maintenance
- Clean them up and make the more family friendly, not ignore existing play areas that get trashed in lesser used parks
- Maintain or fix playground equipment and restrooms.
- PLEASE Improve Indian Creek Disc Golf Course!
- More green/natural space!
- Cleanup of the river area (Clay Pit Road and opposite side of river below cemetery). Get rid of trash - keep people from fly dumping.
- I would eliminate all chipped paint, broken play equipment, and damaged picnic tables/benches. I would make sure everything was safe with fresh paint. I would also find a way to make the park bathrooms amazing with no bugs or spiders whatsoever.
- Maintaining and enhancing the current parks.
- Just keep things updated and clean and care about little parks for families like Pulaski Park
- I would take care of the parks we have and quit looking for more stuff to maintain. We don't do a good enough job of it now.

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- Provide more park personnel to help maintain the existing parks.
- The parks look rundown compared to other vibrant communities. I would start focusing on maintaining the parks we have (Ex Fleetwood Park weed control, that park looks terrible)
- Improve the quality of the existing parks
- I would improve the way we maintain existing facilities. Examples would be the field house and bridge and wall along Silver Creek. All are structural works of Craftsmen yet we fail to maintain them. We could never afford to replace them with comparable quality yet we seem to ignore their historical significance. It's too easy to put off the necessary, regular maintenance and then simply replace them with something cheap, if that.
- I would keep the grass cut and ball fields maintained. And work with local groups to continue to help fund for new projects.
- Better park maintenance and planning.
- Clean well maintained natural parks
- Keeping parks cleaner.
- We have a very nice, comprehensive park system. Finding ways to improve the current parks, including improving upkeep, litter control are high priorities. "
- Make sure they play area was safe and clean from things such as needles. Restrooms cleaner and filled with shop paper towels and toilet paper
- Maintain and improve what we have.
- Make the appearance and maintenance of all parks a top priority. People will use clean, upgraded facilities.
- Beautify the parks.
- Better maintenance of the grounds. Our parks have started to look shabby.
- Maintaining and beautifying the parks we have, eliminating dilapidated and dangerous equipment, and driving drug users out of our parks!
- UPDATE the parks. Some of them are in horrible condition. Then maintain them so they look nicer so people WANT to use them.
- More trash cans
- Maintaining the parks we have to the fullest extent
- Daily maintenance at all the parks that have restroom and washroom facilities.
- Update existing parks
- If I were king of the Manitowoc Park System, I would make our parks the envy of Wisconsin. Upkeep and maintenance would be top priority. Utilizing geographical features of the park would be a main focus (beaches, wooded areas, riverfront, etc.)
- Improve what we have. Get rid of the old and unused places of Manitowoc and replace with upgrades. Things that will bring life to Manitowoc.

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- I would add more bathroom to citizens park, clean up the softball fields, and add a splash pad for the kids on the south side of town
- Adding more beauty to the parks, flowers. Bettering the zoo, it has gotten really run down. :(
- Update current parks and focus on lower Schuette for exercise equipment trail
- Improve what is already exists and capitalize on the lakefront.
- Make sure our biggest parks are maintained and improved. Seek volunteer groups to maintain and improve smaller or neighborhood parks. Bring the 4th of July celebration back to Silver Creek Park. Have well marked and maintained trails in our biggest parks, maybe signs pointing out items of interest, types of trees, etc., give distances of different trails so people could use them for fitness purposes. No minors in park after dark unless accompanied by adult or during special events. Biggest thing: get volunteer groups to help maintain, clean, and improve parks.
- Adequate funding to make sure all parks are maintained and not forgotten about. Cutting grass is not the only thing that needs to be done.
- Keep the existing parks maintained and keep current properties without selling them off for business interests. Land cannot be replaced.
- 1. Focus on the beach area in Manitowoc. So much potential to bring in tourists. Clean it up and it could potentially be a gold mine for the city 2. Making a biking trail from 151 by McDonalds to the beach to downtown which would then attach to the Mariners Trail. 3. I would consider putting cameras in our parks. heroin needles are all over our parks we need to deter crime, drug users are throwing their used needles on our beaches and city parks. Many parents are refusing to bring their children to parks
- Hire more people to adequately take care of existing parks
- Focus on making what I have the best out there and only when that is done, move forward with other lands.
- I would not create any additional Parks in the city of Manitowoc. We have a number of great parks that we need to maintain. Adding parks would be a waste of city dollars and would not attract people to our city. We need to utilize what we have to its greatest potential.
- More Park Staff and Resources
- I would put more effort to maintain/rebuild the men's/coed softball diamonds to promote more players and bring in more teams to play on; a better - maintained and safer field that everyone would love to enjoy watching some ball at. I would have concession stands and better restroom facilities to promote more income and prolong the publics stay. I would create a better functioning league that would bring in more teams to build a better foundation for summer outdoor activities.
- Maintain city softball diamonds so that way you keep the softball program growing instead of it decreasing
- Maintain and improve the softball diamonds! People are begging to play but are going to other cities such as Two Rivers and Sheboygan because Manitowoc fields are in such terrible condition. Address the parking issue at Citizen Park now that the youth diamonds are there.
- Clean up and update the existing parks and promote activities there to get more people involved.
- Fix existing softball diamonds to get more adult teams into leagues the diamonds at CP need work

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- I would start with fixing the facilities that actually bring in revenue. Basketball and tennis courts are free, the softball diamonds we actually have to pay to play leagues on and if the decline in participation is not a clear sign of how the facilities and programs have been being ran I don't know what is. Also, the parking situation at Citizens park was obviously not thought out when adding the youth diamonds. Should look into getting the adult diamonds up to the same caliber as the kids'.
- 1. Update/ clean up Union Park. 2. Develop community events utilizing the parks.
- Put monetary efforts towards developing existing parks/ trails.
- Updated playground equipment, more landscaping and upkeep. Washington Park for instance gets so much traffic and there's garbage that is left all the time. So hard to bring my kids. More police to watch area.
- A complimentary, safe, clean, natural environment for all the youth of Manitowoc and their family and friends.
- Keeping the parks clean and drug free.
- Keep the older kids from "overtaking" Schuette park playground. Also keep promoting the lakeshore as it's our most valuable resource.
- Keep the beaches clean!!!!!! Nobody wants to see drug needles, etc.
- Taking better care of what is already available and cracking down on shady characters that hang out at some of the parks.
- Maintain the trails better
- Cleaning up the River Front area and adding trails and allowing for development along River Front from the lakeshore to Manitou/Schuette Park
- Have them maintained as they were in the 1990's, have bike cops patrolling remote parks like lower Schuette; get tough on leash law violators. Improvements to existing facilities. Make the most out of what we already have. After facilities and equipment is upgraded, work on making those places a safe place for all ages to be, and make them places where bad people do not want to be caught doing bad things. Understand current trends with park users as to what activities are popular or unpopular and make adjustments as needed, i.e. Increasing public basketball facilities (popular), or adding disc golf areas (popular).
- I would like to see something a little different in our parks, maybe some outdoor exercise equipment for the adults while children play,
- Schuette's Park has some, but they are not maintained. I would also like to see our beaches cleaned up, we need to utilize lake shore better, like all the other cities do.
- Clean up the weeds and trim trees around the beach areas. The lakefront is not maintained. Control the geese droppings by cleaning trails of droppings.
- Clean bathroom facilities at parks, especially at the marina fish cleaning station, fishermen local and from out of the area, bikers and walkers all use this restroom
- I would close the parks at sun down and maintain police patrols to lessen the drug activity through the parks. I would also keep the parks in a clean state by keeping a weekly cleaning schedule.
- I would pursue well maintained, family friendly green spaces so our children will be encouraged to play outside!

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- I would close down the under-utilized parks and clean up and improve on the parks that are well used. We have too many parks to take care of with such a small tax base and it shows in their conditions. You can't just open a park and then leave it go. There should be flowers newer equipment. But as long as we have all the others we have to mow and maintain none of them will look good.
- reduce the number of least used parks and add more people to take care of the remaining parks
- Have more full-time employees to take care of existing jobs at the existing parks. Have a parks team leader that has SOME knowledge of the jobs at the parks and the Lakefront. The existing one doesn't have clue!!
- I would increase funding for more employees to maintain existing parks and trails.
- More funds to include hiring more personnel to maintain the parks.
- Hire more good workers to maintain the parks, can only do some much with the little staff you have. Too many Chiefs and no Indians
- Create a long-term maintenance plan to replace aging park equipment and infrastructure at all existing parks
- Improve on existing park systems, better public monitoring. make more events possible (craft fairs for a nominal fee)

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- After working for the city, during summers in college in the 1980's, I think we rely too heavily upon machines now. It takes time and attention to notice the details. A zip through a park on a riding mower or a drive through a park in a truck, overlooks essentials that need maintenance or clean up. Haste and a low budget overhead of employees results in poor job performance. Therefore, I would go back to the old way of a walk through an area to notice details with a larger force of permanent employees.
- Cleaner beaches, clean up Red Arrow of gang - related people.
- I would give our city recreation department more money to provide more programming and development. I think you do a great job with the resources you have. I believe the maintenance of our parks overall is pretty good with the exception of our bathrooms which is difficult to maintain with the general public taking its toll on it. I also believe that while did not make certain items as high on the priority list, this is subjective to whether or not a person has children. I believe parks are important for all stages of individuals' lives and should have something to offer everyone at every stage. I think our parks do just that. Keep up the good work!"
- Add recycling bins, ask neighborhood folks to assist in monitoring the parks for cleanliness or issues, closing parks earlier, & more police presence/driving through parks/enforcing of laws.
- The parks are run down and attract crack heads and unsupervised kids. More security at these parks and cleaner facilities and grounds.
- If I were queen of the park system I would add more mountain bike trails in Indian Creek park since that park isn't used very often and it is dryer land unlike Camp Vita. Camp Vita also needs more maintenance.
- Create a bike friendly community. Make sure parks are safe, perhaps with surveillance cameras.
- I would make a concerted effort to interconnect the Devil's river trail into the city of Manitowoc and continue it to Sheboygan. Additionally, I would ensure the parks were well maintained regularly.
- I would have more natural areas and trails. Manitowoc is a HUGE bird watching hub and more areas are needed. I would also continue to make CP the main focus. The original CP building is awesome and needs some TLC and upgrades. It has a lot of potential, especially with all other upgrades to the park.
- Make more scenic walking/running/biking trails (pet-friendly); would be great to have a trail that went north/south and east/west through or around all Manitowoc that did not have to share the road with cars, that could also be decorated with flower gardens or easy landscaping.

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Response: Trail – Related

- Better usage of the natural beauty of the area to create more nature trails.
- More porta potties or bathrooms along Mainers trail or in trail walking areas. Parks seem to be fine but if I take two-hour walks with my water bottle and refill it along the way I need more stops.
- 1. Update/ clean up union park. 2. Develop community events utilizing the parks. 3. Put monetary efforts towards developing existing parks/ trails.
- Maintain the trails better
- Cleaning up the River Front area and adding trails and allowing for development along River Front from the lakeshore to Manitou/Schuette Park
- Update rental shelters. Update Schuette Park trail exercise stops
- Add more restrooms and add more trails
- Upgrade Lincoln Park. So much room and underutilized. Bike/walking path from the NE ends in middle of a field a long way from the playground etc.
- Promoting physical fitness by upgrading the VITA Course, adding outdoor adult fitness parks, add more hiking trails. Possibly along old train tracks.
- I would add pickleball specific courts (not tennis courts). I would create more bike trails like Mariners trail. Maybe something along the river going west to hook up with Vita park.
- better playground equipment and more nature trails.
- Well firstly, I would stop cutting full time employees from the parks department and start asking those employees who work and bust their asses everyday what they need to succeed instead of the guys who sit in an office every day. Next, I would improve the usage of all existing parks, I feel like a lot of parks should feel connected and you should be able to bike or hike or walk from one to the other. Take a look at bigger cities and what they offer in their parks and just stop and see how the people of Milwaukee flock to parks as soon as its nice out.
- More inclusive parks in regards to pets, trails, and family friendly
- Add more hiking trails
- Expand and connect trail system (e.g., Silver Creek to Mariners Trail to Rawley Point Trail).
- More nature trails.
- Further development of mountain bike trails like the ones found at Camp VITA
- More trails connecting parks and spots within the city
- Add running trails, make nature play areas for children.
- Trails!

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Response: Trail – Related

- Scenic paved bike trails
- Mariners Trail cleaned year-round and wayside being upgraded and open year-round. The farmers market really needs a huge pavilion and more green space.
- Increase bike/walking trails through the city connecting parks
- Linking Maritime Trail to Southside--Red Arrow as well as along the river to Schuette Park--bike and hiking trail
- Develop a Manitowoc River Trail system
- Bike Trails
- Establish an off-road trail system that would connect some of our major parks. It would allow walking/running/biking around our city and also link with the Mariners Trail with the south side of the City to include Red Arrow/UW Campus and Silver Creek Parks.
- I would extend the Mariner's Trail so that it ran completely along the lakeshore to UW Manitowoc or possibly beyond. Right now, you have to bike along the street if starting at UW Manitowoc and going through to Two Rivers and that route is dangerous given many people aren't looking for bikers.
- Explore connectivity of existing rogue trail potential - Neighborhood to downtown to parks, rails WITH trails, rails TO trails, trails to local food and grocers. CONNECTIVITY!
- Create a loop of bike trails that connect areas of higher traffic. For instance, a trail system that goes out to shopping areas, grocery stores, and also downtown.
- Connecting all the parks with trails like the Ice Age Trail does through many of them.
- Create (or improve current) more hiking trails through natural areas.
- Better trail access for bikes and biking (off-road and mixed use).
- Interconnection through walkable bike able trails such as the ice age trail. Also, cafes etc. along lakeshore. Maybe loop Mariners Trail into Lincoln park
- I would create more bike lanes on city streets.
- Create safe paths for riding bicycles to and in between parks. We have lived in a lot of locations, and appreciated integrated park systems, especially when our children were growing up.
- I would create more walking trails in Silver Creek park away from the disc golf course. The disc golf course has overtaken the park and taken away the walking trails. It would be nice to have walking trails back again.
- Improve bike lanes and connection from Silver Lake to Mariners Trail.
- Walking trails, walking trails, walking trails!!
- More bike trails connecting up to Devils River Trail
- If I were queen of the park system I would add more mountain bike trails in Indian Creek park since that park isn't used very often and it is dryer land unlike Camp Vita. Camp Vita also needs more maintenance.

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Trail – Related

- Create a bike friendly community. Make sure parks are safe, perhaps with surveillance cameras.
- I would make a concerted effort to interconnect the Devil's River Trail into the city of Manitowoc and continue it to Sheboygan. Additionally, I would ensure the parks were well maintained regularly.
- I would add and maintain more bike trails.
- I would have more natural areas and trails. Manitowoc is a HUGE bird watching hub and more areas are needed.
- I would also continue to make CP the main focus. The original CP building is awesome and needs some TLC and upgrades. It has a lot of potential, especially with all other upgrades to the park.
- More craft events and nature trails for both walking and biking. Upgrade parks play systems or build a community park on the South Side.
- More trail connections and more community garden areas.
- Make Schuette Park a crown jewel connected by a bridge to Manitou Park
- More activities and events to draw tourist. Was just at the food truck event in Kohler thinking we could have this in Manitowoc
- More paved bike trails. What about an athletic facility where tournaments (basketball and volleyball) could be hosted bringing more people in overnight and eating here. The mall area would be nice or somewhere in the industrial park area.
- More family trails and community activities to better utilize the beauty of the natural areas
- More walking/hiking trails, more biking trails, more pet friendly parks.
- Make more scenic walking/running/biking trails (pet-friendly); would be great to have a trail that went north/south and east/west through or around all Manitowoc that did not have to share the road with cars, that could also be decorated with flower gardens or easy landscaping
- Make Manitowoc a biking destination
- Exercise trail Foot bridge across Manitowoc river; Online reservation system for shelters
- Connect all parks with trails and add bridges across the Manitowoc River between Manitou Park and Lower Schuette Park and connect Mariners' trail to Silver Creek through MPU. Place a major focus on BIRDING.
- I would extend the River Walk and make a nice boardwalk extending the trail from warm waters beach to Red arrow park. Remove the brush in front of MPU and school.
- Increase access to parks, i.e. bike trails, access from lake or even bus shelters and bus stops
- Pursue cleaning up the river frontage and expand the Riverwalk. I would also install docks and bring in restaurants, bars and shopping along the river.
- I would improve and utilize the River Walk area. Art and Craft Shows, Boat rides.
- More focus on the Lakefront and trails. Use social media more.

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Policy – Related

- No smoking in parks.
- Greater green space for family enjoyment. Higher penalties for those who choose to damage the parks.
- Adequate funding to make sure all parks are maintained and not forgotten about. Cutting grass is not the only thing that needs to be done.
- Enforce loitering rules. I often feel unsafe at parks with my young children in the evenings because there are so many teenage kids hanging around, especially at the Schuette Park playground.
- I would put in place more police patrols through the parks to lessen the amount of drug use in the parks, and I would have a once a month "drug walkthrough" to try and find lost needles, etc. Drug walkthroughs should be done and handled by authority figures who know how to handle drugs safely.
- Keep the existing parks maintained and keep current properties without selling them off for business interests. Land cannot be replaced.
- I would close the parks at sundown and maintain police patrols to lessen the drug activity through the parks. I would also keep the parks in a clean state by keeping a weekly cleaning schedule.
- Hire more people to adequately take care of existing parks
- Focus on making what I have the best out there and only when that is done, move forward with other lands.
- I would work on upgrading the existing parks as many are outdated and look worn down. I would also try to increase security and inspection of the areas to avoid the current drug issues and materials that seem to be popping up in the city.
- Close the parks earlier and have a much stronger police presence at night
- I would not create any additional parks in the city of Manitowoc. We have a number of great parks that we need to maintain. Adding additional parks would be a waste of city dollars and would not attract people to our city. We need to utilize what we have to its greatest potential.
- I would pursue well maintained, family friendly green spaces so our children will be encouraged to play outside!
- Sell off underutilized parkland
- Reduce the number of parks, consolidate them. There are too many that are so underused, they should be closed down such as Halverson, Rheäume and Westfield. Maybe sell that land to help fund other park related things.
- Restrooms open year-round on trails and in parks, make them more inviting to use. Summer fun for youth to come to parks for social gatherings with friends or encourage teens to activity director in parks.
- I repeat, the noise level at Red Arrow after 9 p.m. is intolerable. There is really no need for it to be open past 9 p.m. - only the rather nasty guys hang out there. Just close it by 9 p.m. and area residents will be able to get some sleep, and police will not need to be called. Also, how about demonstrating how enlightened Manitowoc is by a VERY minimal use of lawn pesticides in public areas.

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Policy – Related

- I would stop adding new things that will have to be paid for! What is happening at Citizen Park is crazy. Sure, it looks good and people like new stuff BUT none of the new things with the possible exception of the tennis facility (which shouldn't need much care) will pay for itself and you know who pays then!
- Reduce the number of least used parks and add more people to take care of the remaining parks
- Have more full-time employees to take care of existing jobs at the existing parks. Have a parks team leader that has SOME knowledge of the jobs at the parks and the Lakefront. The existing one doesn't have clue!!
- I would increase funding for more employees to maintain existing parks and trails.
- More funds to include hiring more personnel to maintain the parks.
- Sell smaller parks at a premium for development, or to an adjacent neighbor for their own use.
- I would close down the under-utilized parks and clean up and improve on the parks that are well used. We have too many parks to take care of with such a small tax base and it shows in their conditions. You can't just open a park and then leave it go. There should be flowers newer equipment. But as long as we have all the others we have to mow and maintain none of them will look good
- Hire more good workers to maintain the parks, can only do some much with the little staff you have. To many chiefs and no Indians
- After working for the city, during summers in college in the 1980's, I think we rely too heavily upon machines now. It takes time and attention to notice the details. A zip through a park on a riding mower or a drive through a park in some truck overlooks essentials that need maintenance or clean up. Haste and a low budget overhead of employees results in poor job performance. Therefore, I would go back to the old way of a walk through an area to notice details with a larger force of permanent employees.
- Clean, usable, beaches possibly some fire pits on the beach would be nice.
- Make sure our biggest parks are maintained and improved. Seek volunteer groups to maintain and improve smaller or neighborhood parks. Bring the 4th of July celebration back to Silver Creek Park. Have well marked and maintained trails in our biggest parks, maybe signs pointing out items of interest, types of trees, etc., give distances of different trails so people could use them for fitness purposes. No minors in park after dark unless accompanied by adult or during special events. Biggest thing: get volunteer groups to help maintain, clean, and improve parks.
- Institute large user fees for all of the new attractions at Citizens Park. (Enough to cover the ongoing maintenance, insurance and a replacement fund.)
- Hire a parks manager focused on increasing desirability and usage.
- I would like more family events such as Subfest, Sputnikfest, etc. and also promote awareness of Homelessness in our area.
- More community involvement, events etc.
- Beer sales during events to drastically increase revenue for maintenance or further development.
- Bringing more events or better conditions to parks that are down town. To bring the down town back to life. For example, when Pokémon go was big. Seeing all those people downtown was great!

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Policy – Related

- Well firstly, I would stop cutting full time employees from the parks department and start asking those employees who work and bust their asses everyday what they need to succeed instead of the guys who sit in an office every day. Next, I would improve the usage of all existing parks, I feel like a lot of parks should feel connected and you should be able to bike or hike or walk from one to the other. Take a look at bigger cities and what they offer in their parks and just stop and see how the people of Milwaukee flock to parks as soon as its nice out.
- We need more events and things to draw people to Manitowoc. Let's use the facilities we have. Put some of the budget money into creating and maintaining events. Start supporting community organizations that are already working on keeping their events alive, and help them out instead of taxing them to death and nickel-and-diming them. Look at Lakeshore Weekend. What a shame. They will not be continuing to plan this great event in part because the city added an additional \$5,000 to their already struggling budget. Do something to help nonprofits hold successful events at our parks, not price gauge them, and we may see some more activities in this town.
- I would make sure every park had a shelter with a restroom and access to water
- Put more resources toward maintaining youth sports facilities.
- More Park Staff and Resources
- More entertainment
- More tourist activities, concerts, etc.
- More concerts would be nice
- Transform Red Arrow Beach into a similar experience as Bradford Beach in Milwaukee. Improve hours so I don't have to drive my family to Milwaukee because our zoos and parks are closed when I attempt to visit.
- I would communicate the positive of our Park System in social media. We have a great park system that many people who live here do not know about.
- I would add more festivals for the city to enjoy
- If I were King of Manitowoc Park System, I would pursue community-building events to cultivate clean parks and educating people on the parks we have.
- Provide some parking at Camp Vita.
- Activities concerts use our 1 number 1 resource the lake
- Create a long-term maintenance plan to replace aging park equipment and infrastructure at all existing parks
- I would make Chad Scheinoha King of the Manitowoc Park System.
- More family trails and community activities to better utilize the beauty of the natural areas
- Make the parks so they attract people of other cities to come & experience Manitowoc.
- Continue to fund to upgrade and keep up what we already have in the parks.

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Surveillance – Related

- 1. Focus on the beach area in Manitowoc. So much potential to bring in tourists. Clean it up and it could potentially be a gold mine for the city. 2. Making a biking trail from 151 by McDonalds to the beach to downtown which would then attach to Mariners Trail. 3. I would consider putting cameras in our parks. heroin needles are all over our parks we need to deter crime, drug users are throwing their used needles on our beaches and city parks. Many parents are refusing to bring their children to parks.
- Updated playground equipment, more landscaping and upkeep. Washington Park for instance gets so much traffic and there's garbage that is left all the time. So hard to bring my kids. More police to watch area.
- A complimentary, safe, clean, natural environment for all the youth of Manitowoc and their family and friends.
- Keeping the parks clean and drug free.
- Keep the older kids from "overtaking" Schuette park playground. Also keep promoting the lakeshore as it's our most valuable resource.
- Keep the beaches clean!!!! Nobody wants to see drug needles, etc.
- Taking better care of what is already available and cracking down on shady characters that hang out at some of the parks.
- Have them maintained as they were in the 1990's; have bike cops patrolling remote parks like lower Schuette, get tough on leash law violators.
- Improvements to existing facilities. Make the most out of what we already have. After facilities and equipment is upgraded, work on making those places a safe place for all ages to be, and make them places where bad people do not want to be caught doing bad things. Understand current trends with park users as to what activities are popular or unpopular and make adjustments as needed, i.e. Increasing public basketball facilities (popular), or adding disc golf areas (popular).
- I would have a neighborhood community gardens in abandoned or underutilized spots. It increases neighbor interaction and makes our community safer. I would not, however, have only one organization oversee this as agendas don't create a community atmosphere. We need more nature, too. Trees, flowers, and water to attract birds and pollinators. It helps keep people happy and healthy:)
- I would clean and update many of the parks specifically Pulaski Park. The equipment has vandalism and swear words carved in. This park is in a lower income area where kids tend to roam throughout the day. If possible install security cameras and upgrade the equipment. We all know the risks associated with growing up in poverty. Why not provide a safe, updated resource for the children who might not have access to the resources to go to parks like the Henry Schuette If you simply drive through the area you will see kids wandering and at times playing in the street. The area includes many uncontrolled intersections which poses an obvious risk to the safety of children with no safe place to play. If we are able to clean up this area it could attract more families of all economic stand points as the houses in the area are very affordable but currently it is looked at as a bad area. Taking care of parks, reducing vandalism, and updating Pulaski Park could help bring this neighborhood back to life.
- I would work on upgrading the existing parks as many are outdated and look worn down. I would also try to increase security and inspection of the areas to avoid the current drug issues and materials that seem to be popping up in the city.

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Surveillance – Related

- Close the parks earlier and have a much stronger police presence at night.
- Washington Park is at the heart of the city. Make it an attraction for larger musical acts, continue to increase its aesthetic value, and police it to keep crime to a minimum. Also, expand the beach between the piers and the Yacht club to allow for more beach area. Also, improve upon the softball diamonds at CP. The baseball complex will be outstanding, now let's update the softball complex so that it is an attraction for men's softball tournaments and leagues.
- More dog friendly parks and take Red Arrow park back from the unruly crowds that assemble around 7 to 10 PM on weekdays and some weekends. Then do the same with Silver Creek park.
- Improve on existing park systems, better public monitoring. make more events possible (craft fairs for a nominal fee)
- Increased events, combined efforts, involvement and installations of conservancy and the arts and security measures
- Better detection and removal of illegal drug trash like needles and such, and would make it so there are more pet friendly areas and more officer patrols of the parks. Maybe organize neighborhood watch type groups to patrol the parks as well and to help clean up.
- Safety of trails and parks; more lighting.
- Keep Washington Park Safe.
- Stop the unsociable activities in the parks. Cars racing around, drinking etc.
- Set up surveillance camera systems in the most used parks for safety.
- LESS TEENS IN GROUPS SMALL CHILDREN GET SCARED
- Have some kind of locking systems on bathrooms or cameras
- Try to keep the druggies out of the parks
- More pet friendly areas, areas to wash the trail mud away from people and dogs, better bathroom facilities.
- I would do more about the drug utensils laying around. IE, syringes, pipes and such
- The needles being found all over the grounds on parks.
- Police presence. more area for teens.
- Make parks safer
- Get rid of drug use at and around parks.
- Hire/recruit volunteer and (train) park monitors, and equip them with police radios.
- I would promote ways to keep the wrong people from being at the parks. I don't feel safe taking my kids to Schuette Park due to needles and kids who are too old to be there.
- Safety for our residents and visitors.

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Surveillance – Related

- Have more security at certain park locations.
- More Security Cameras to reduce/stop vandalism.
- I would look to make my parks less comfortable for undesirables and more secure for families and children.
- Keep them safe by patrolling more often, especially when you hear of frequent issues (Washington Park), etc.
- Security
- Install quality camera systems in the park to deter drug use, reckless driving in Red Arrow Park and destruction of park property/bathrooms.
- Safety
- Add recycling bins, ask neighborhood folks to assist in monitoring the parks for cleanliness or issues, closing parks earlier, & more police presence/driving through parks/enforcing of laws.
- The parks are run down and attract crack heads and unsupervised kids. More security at these parks and cleaner facilities and grounds.
- Security, nights summer parks, large indoor water park.
- Enforce loitering rules. I often feel unsafe at parks with my young children in the evenings because there are so many teenage kids hanging around, especially at the Schuette Park playground.
- I would put in place more police patrols through the parks to lessen the amount of drug use in the parks, and I would have a once a month "drug walkthrough" to try and find lost needles, etc. Drug walkthroughs should be done and handled by authority figures who know how to handle drugs safely.
- Marketing of existing parks and current activities. Increase safety patrol of current parks and activities. Some parks have acquired a negative image due to crime levels and activity. Additional monitoring might help to improve that image, at least for some parks.
- Cleaner beaches, clean up Red Arrow of gang - related people.

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Waterfront – Related

- Cleaning up the River Front area and adding trails and allowing for development along River Front from the lakeshore to Manitou /Schuette Park.
- I would like to see something different in our parks, maybe some outdoor exercise equipment for the adults while children play; Schuette's Park has some, but they are not maintained. I would also like to see our beaches cleaned up; we need to utilize the lake shore better, like all the other cities do.
- Clean up the weeds and trim trees around the beach areas. The lakefront is not maintained. Control the geese droppings by cleaning the trails of droppings.
- Clean bathroom facilities at parks, esp. at the marina fish cleaning station. Fishermen local and from out of the area, bikers and walkers all use this restroom.
- Washington Park is at the heart of the city. Make it an attraction for larger musical acts, continue to increase its aesthetic value and police it to keep crime to a minimum. Also expand the beach between the piers and the Yacht Club to allow for more beach area. Also, improve upon the softball diamonds at CP. The baseball complex will be outstanding, now let's update the softball complex so that it is an attraction for men's softball tournaments and leagues.
- Activities: Concerts; Use our number 1 resource: the lake.
- More activities and expand and utilize beaches more.
- Connect all parks with trails and add bridges across the Manitowoc River between Manitou Park and Lower Schuette Park and connect Mariners' Trail to Silver Creek through MPU. Place a major focus on BIRDING.
- I would extend the River Walk and make a nice boardwalk.
- Extend the trail from Warm Waters Beach to Red Arrow Park. Remove the brush in front of MPU and school.
- Increase access to parks, i.e., bike trails, access from lake or even bus shelters and bus stops.
- More native plantings
- Improve Red Arrow beachfront. Continue to develop and promote the lakefront and riverfront areas near downtown.
- I would clearly identify Manitowoc's assets, then do all in my power to highlight them. (Can our lakeshore be not such an eyesore?)
- More activities along the lake. The improvements to Red Arrow are great but keep going! The lake is our asset and compared to other communities along the shore our beaches are severely lackluster.
- Cleaner beaches.
- Developing the riverfront like Sheboygan with boat docks and restaurants and a nice lakeside hotel. Also add in fire rings down by the beach, like the Sheboygan lakefront does. EVERY night people build lakeside bonfires.
- More water access
- Promote more water/boating activities
- Add kayak or paddle board rentals, add more evening water park exercise classes, and add more community events in the parks
- Our beaches to be like Two Rivers!

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Waterfront – Related

- Come up with things to do for scuba diving like creating artificial wrecks
- Better utilization of the Lakefront
- Continue to improve our lakeshore parks
- Provide better safe access to the water surface at the north end of the Marina mooring area for Radio Control Sailing
- Greater and better use of our lakeshore and river
- Create a park by the lake where people could rent kayaks, canoes or any water activity during the summer to take out on the lake/river
- Promote the lakefront by improving parks, beaches and access.
- More community events and building business on the river/lakefront
- More recreational water activities to showcase the Lake Michigan Shoreline
- Develop family friendly activities along the lake
- Clean up Red Arrow Beach area and add activities, and concessions for the summer
- I don't think the future of our parks is dependent on more parks or better facilities. I think it is dependent on more programming.
- More activities and better utilization of existing facilities. Everyone has their own "field of dreams" ideas on what we need for our parks, but taking a "build it and they will come" approach does not work. The Park and Recreation Department needs to create reasons for kids (especially) to drop their smart phones and video games and come experience the wonders of our parks. Let the non-profits take care of the facilities (i.e., What's going on at the CP courts) but make sure the City is handling the programming.
- Improve the beach areas and make improvements along the river so more people can make use of it such as a Riverwalk, docking downtown for small crafts, canoes, kayaks, etc. and thereby be able to stop and enjoy the downtown area.
- I would try to keep our valuable water resources clean and usable
- Put a public park band shelter out by the lighthouse.
- Clean up the beaches.
- Water activities.
- Increase promotion of our beautiful waterfront
- Cleaner beaches, clean up Red Arrow of gang-related people
- Updating/upgrading Red Arrow Park—this could easily be the "Neshoto Beach" of Manitowoc, offering more weekly activities at Washington Park, i.e., exercise classes, concerts, etc.
- Transform Red Arrow Beach into a similar experience as Bradford Beach in Milwaukee. Improve hours so I don't have to drive my family to Milwaukee because our zoos and parks are closed when I attempt to visit.

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Waterfront – Related

- More Kayak/canoe and small boat launches; Less restrictions on bringing dogs on ski trails
- I would improve and utilize the River Walk area. Arts and Crafts shows. Boat rides.
- More focus on the Lakefront and trails. Use Social Media more.

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Recreation Programs – Related

- I would put more effort to maintain/rebuild the men's/coed softball diamonds to promote more players and bring in more teams to play on better - maintained and safer fields where everyone would love to enjoy watching some ball. I would have concession stand and better restroom facilities to promote more income and prolong the public's stay. I would create a better functioning league that would bring in more teams to build a better foundation for summer outdoor activities.
- Maintain city softball diamonds so that way you keep the softball program growing instead of it decreasing.
- Maintain and improve the softball diamonds! People are begging to play but are going to other cities such as Two Rivers and Sheboygan because Manitowoc fields are in such terrible condition. Address the parking issue at Citizens Park; it was certainly not thought out when adding the youth diamonds. Should look into getting the adult diamonds up the same caliber as the kids.
- Washington Park is at the heart of the city. Make it an attraction for larger musical acts, continue to increase its aesthetic value and police it to keep crime to a minimum. Expand beach between piers and Yacht Club. Improve softball diamonds at CP.
- Hire a parks manager focused on increasing desirability and usage.
- More entertainment.
- More tourist activities, concerts, etc.
- More concerts would be nice.
- I would add more festivals for the city to enjoy.
- Well firstly, I would stop cutting full time employees from the parks department and start asking those employees who work and bust their asses everyday what they need to succeed instead of the guys who sit in an office every day. Next, I would improve the usage of all existing parks, I feel like a lot of parks should feel connected and you should be able to bike or hike or walk from one to the other. Take a look at bigger cities and what they offer in their parks and just stop and see how the people of Milwaukee flock to parks as soon as its nice out.
- Activities concerts use our 1 number 1 resource the lake
- Adult sports should be continued to give youth a prospect of activity into adult life. Have to maintain all levels of activity to ensure ability to continue playing into late adulthood. People love playing sports. Give the opportunity to do so. With that, many local businesses benefit from adult sports by sponsorships.
- Activities to get people in to the park. Perhaps developing an "App" for a city - wide scavenger hunt. When Pokémon Go was at its peak I saw kids on the streets and parks of Manitowoc like never before. Getting kids back into using the parks-playground programs in the summertime to get them outside and moving!
- Free Tai chi, yoga and dancing in the parks.
- More organized activities for children and adults.
- More park events.
- More PR for park events.
- I like the idea of "Music in the Parks," and set a schedule for music in certain parks weekly during the summer. MPD & City need to work closer together to share Park needs around schools.

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Recreation Programs – Related

- Better league structure and outreach to new residents.
- Increase activities and events to promote more widespread use of the parks.
- Promote more use of city facilities.
- Having park activities for children; 'light' sport games, possible wildlife education, general children group 'clubs' at several appropriate parks.
- Public knowledge
- Planned activities and festivals
- Outdoor concerts; good country bands!
- Promote more family friendly outdoor activities, fitness, wellness opportunities. Too many of our community members (including children) are unhealthy, unhappy and overweight.
- Driving more interest and opportunities to parks
- Earlier hours for zoo on weekends.
- Improve on existing park systems, better public monitoring. make more events possible (craft fairs for a nominal fee).
- Clean, usable, beaches possibly some fire pits on the beach would be nice.
- I would give our city recreation department more money to provide more programming and development. I think you do a great job with the resources you have. I believe the maintenance of our parks overall is pretty good with the exception of our bathrooms which is difficult to maintain with the general public taking its toll on it. I also believe that while did not make certain items as high on the priority list, this is subjective to whether or not a person has children. I believe parks are important for all stages of individuals' lives and should have something to offer everyone at every stage. I think our parks do just that. Keep up the good work!
- Increased events, combined efforts, involvement and installations of conservancy and the arts and security measures.
- More activities and expand and utilize beaches more.
- Marketing of existing parks and current activities. Increase safety patrol of current parks and activities. Some parks have acquired a negative image due to crime levels and activity. Additional monitoring might help to improve that image, at least for some parks.
- More activities and events to draw tourist. Was just at the food truck event in Kohler thinking we could have this in Manitowoc. More paved bike trails. What about an athletic facility where tournaments (basketball and volleyball) could be hosted bringing more people in overnight and eating here. The mall area would be nice or somewhere in the industrial park area.
- More family trails and community activities to better utilize the beauty of the natural areas
- Make Manitowoc a biking destination.
- Exercise trail, Footbridge across Manitowoc River; Online Reservation System for shelters.

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Pet Friendly

- Convert another existing park into a dog park, aside from the one out on the pier. Some people can't walk that far.
- Dogs allowed in parks
- Pet friendliness
- Becoming more pet friendly
- I would make more pet friendly areas.
- Make all parks pet friendly!
- more dog friendly areas
- More dog bubblers for people walking their dogs
- More security
- I would pursue the creation of a fenced in dog park in an area not near the lake similar to Zander Park in Two Rivers.
- I would build a very large fenced in dog park at Indian Creek park. This is already being used by citizens that can go leash less with their dogs. We desperately need an easily accessible dog park that has ample space to really work out the dog. This area provides all of the essential requirements necessary.
- I would allow pets on leashes in parks.
- Allow pets in all parks.
- More dog friendly parks and take Red Arrow park back from the unruly crowds that assemble around 7 to 10 PM on weekdays and some weekends. Then do the same with Silver Creek park.
- More inclusive parks in regards to pets, trails, and family friendly
- More walking/hiking trails, more biking trails, more pet friendly parks.
- Make more scenic walking/running/biking trails (pet-friendly); would be great to have a trail that went north/south and east/west through or around all Manitowoc that did not have to share the road with cars, that could also be decorated with flower gardens or easy landscaping
- More Kayak/Canoe and small boat launches. Less restriction on bringing dogs on ski trails

Question 13:

"If I were King or Queen of the City of Manitowoc Park System,
I would change or pursue the following" _____:

Response: Habitat for Wildlife

- More natural areas with the establishment of trees for shade and food crops
- Removing all dead or diseased trees. Plant more native species of trees. Create more wildlife areas. Keep the zoo and continue to enhance all the animal environments.
- Increase wildlife and wildlife viewing areas.
- Less moving frequency and better maintenance of younger trees.
- Better usage of the natural beauty of the area to create more nature trails.
- If I were the King of the Manitowoc Park System, I would make our parks the envy of Wisconsin. Upkeep and maintenance would be top priority. Utilizing geographical features of the park would be a main focus (beaches, wooded areas, riverfront, etc.)
- I would have neighborhood community gardens in abandoned or under-utilized spots. It increases neighbor interaction and makes our community safer. I would not, however, have only one organization oversee this, as agendas don't create a community atmosphere. We need more nature, too. Trees, flowers and water to attract birds and pollinators. It helps keep people happy and healthy. □
- I would have more natural areas and trails. Manitowoc is a HUGE bird watching hub and more areas are needed. I would also continue to make CP the main focus. The original CP building is awesome and needs some TLC and upgrades. It has a lot of potential, especially with all other upgrades to the park.

Question 16:

Please provide any additional comments related to any
of the Park and Recreation survey questions.

Response: Policy Decisions

- The parks are fine the way they are, kept up well. Not sure why our culture constantly finds the need to spend money... absolutely Not tax dollars!!!
- Any grant money would be great
- The park system is an important asset to the quality of living in Manitowoc, and should be given a high priority when considering city budgets. We were drawn to Manitowoc because of the Lake and its enormous esthetic and quality of life aspects. And, I hope this continues to be a top priority in the future.
- Use a sales tax (like Brown County) to help pay for park improvements. That way you are getting money from non-residents that use the parks and shop/eat in Manitowoc.
- Upkeep should be tax dollars. The initial investments on structures and large projects should be fund raisers or naming rights.
- I don't think wasting more tax dollars on the current parks and recreation is the answer. Enough of our tax dollars are wasted, like waste money on trying to revitalize the downtown area. How much tax payer money is going to be wasted on that. I don't want to see the same thing happen with the parks.
- I would be in favor of the City allocating tax dollars to fund future park projects if it increased use and not just obtaining more land.
- County park receive huge revenues by allowing beer sales for events such as baseball games including games at the youth level. It is time to move on from the conservative past make some money to preserve our parks.
- I do believe it is the responsibility of the city to provide tax dollars to maintain the parks, but it is also their responsibility to seek out alternative funding sources, such as federal and state grants.
- I support using tax dollars for the park since we need to keep them up but I do not support using tax dollars for the parks over education, public safety, roads, etc.
- Manitowoc is lacking compared to other communities. Yes, we have a new baseball complex but with very little help and support from the city. It is time to take control and make an impact by improving the quality of life so that when people tour our community they want to stay and buy homes here. Quit penny pinching and invest in our community now before it is taken over by drugs and welfare.
- To better parks (& the city in general) I would not be opposed to an increase in property taxes. But I am concerned about the increasing, nasty element of people who just "hang out" at parks.
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- No full court basketball courts. Half courts only
- I would like to see public roads fixed and improved, making travel to the parks more enjoyable. Then I wouldn't mind taxes being spent on parks.

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- I feel bathroom facilities should always be unlocked during park hours. There have been times, especially at red arrow, where the bathrooms weren't open.
- Too much money spent on the new ball park while the older ball diamond are left to fall apart. Benches no longer at tennis court. Don't build new if we don't take care of old
- If funds are available
- We live across the street from Union Park. It is the perfect park. Please leave it alone.
- Thank you for taking into consideration the citizens' point of view.
- no new parks
- Stop putting money toward new park activities and fix the streets! (and no, I am not in favor of the 1/2% sales tax!)
- Get a Parks team leader that has knowledge of tasks in the parks and around the community. This one is a follower not a leader.
- It would depend upon the project. Keep the parks general use, open areas. Don't make them specific to a sport as sport fads fade
- If the city would bring in new businesses (factories, high tech, etc. - not more restaurants and grocery stores) to replace the lost businesses, tax revenue would increase and help solve lots of problems, including having more \$ available for parks. We keep missing the boat, when other cities around us are growing.
- I think with the manpower the city has they are kept up pretty well. I firmly believe we need to eliminate many parks. We just don't have the manpower and funding to keep up these days. People don't use parks it seems as much as in the past.
- The City is currently doing a great job in partnering with non-profits to enhance parks and user experiences. This needs to continue
- I would like to see downtown revitalization done first.
- I would rather see roads fixed than park improvements.
- More money should be made available for summer workers.
- The Park and Recreation systems has essentially been eliminated and turned over to private interest groups to raise funds to improve and maintain. We have failed as a community to support parks and recreation and have minimized the importance of the same. Community based parks and recreation were previously a foundation of our community and have been lost based upon a lack of funding and a minimized importance placed upon the same by the poor leadership of our common council.

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Response: Policy Decisions

- Keep dogs out of parks
- There should be user fees for specific use. ie volley ball or disc golf
- Taxes should be used for the common good. I am all in favor of increasing taxes for the betterment of our community!
- I think our parks are a wonderful asset to our city. I realize funding is a major hurdle in most cases. Hopefully a majority of residents see the value in a top-notch park system, and investments will be seen as money well spent.
- I don't pay taxes to the city, but if I did I would be fine with them being allocated to the park system.
- I think pursuing a combination of funding sources is a great idea--it was hard to rank and pit those sources against each other!
- I am in favor of city taxes, but recognize the balance between needed services and improving quality of living.
- I would agree on spending money, but not on expanding. In fact, we need to have less park space
- Too much wasted money thrown at parks. Our road infrastructure is crumbling to pieces around us. Don't any officials drive the common road system? They are being destroyed by over salting and liquid spray use in winter.
- Let's become known as a trails-rich and bicycle-friendly community. We need to be known for something other than Steven Avery.
- As much as I like dogs, I do enjoy the "no dogs" policy in the parks. It's nice to enjoy the areas set aside for enjoying our somewhat natural areas.
- Let's take care of what we already have!
- Seems like the south side with the exception of the Dewey St. Park is very neglected as far as upgrading playground equipment.
- Having recently adopted Silver Creek Park and maintaining the trail system I have some concerns about the disc golf course taking total control of the park. I think that some of the parks natural beauty is being compromised in order to expand the golf course.
- Would it be possible to have an "adopt a park" option to help with the general maintenance with the baseball diamonds, grass cutting, cleaning up the beaches?
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- I'd like to read about statistics on how your trails plan will help Manitowoc. Where's the issue statement the plan is addressing? The public needs to know the issues and our elected officials should be telling us.
- Need to be pet friendly to improve our tourism
- We need more pet friendly public areas. Visit the south sometime and you will see that we are very close minded about pets. They have coffee shops that allow pets and I can't take my dog to the open-air farmers market. Doesn't make sense!!!
- See above response. I feel that adult sports should be just as important as kids sports as the kids who get older still want to be active in the sports they played in previously. Healthy adults benefit our city and all the activities our city has to offer. Keep us active by maintaining our softball/kickball fields and keeping volleyball active. More marketing would help.
- Plan activities for when the kids are NOT in summer school - August seems to be a little lacking. I would also like to have more option for night-time swim lessons - my family works during the day and we cannot get our son to lessons during the summer.
- Help to make the adult softball programs better it is hard to play on fields that are not maintained. It is frustrating when adult coed softball is cancelled due to storms but the little leagues still play
- I wish that the aquatic center would reconsider its hours. It's a nice facility and the prices are reasonable but unfortunately, it's Wisconsin and it opens early in the year when it's still too cool to be in an outside pool and closes early, when the weather is finally getting warm out. I understand this is likely due to staffing but I would also like to see it open earlier in the day. I have kids who are nap in the afternoon and by the time they are awake, it's close to dinner time and after that the pool is getting ready to close. It's just never convenient and many of our friends with kids have the same issue. We would probably use the facilities weekly, if not daily if it were open around 10 am. As of right now simply because of the hours of operation, we go maybe once a year at the most.
- Dale Street Park, completely underutilized.
- When I was younger, my local park (Westfield) had a daily 'get together' with a park leader who led us with games, activities and general friendship. Good times! Not sure this would be in the budget, but possible volunteers may or would come forward.
- Families need clean safe parks...too many softball fields...those days are gone...what happened to "playgrounds" for the kids during summer?
- Focus on the parks we have by improving their offerings. The locations of our City parks are good, but not well maintained. Perhaps having community involvement projects like adopt a park, etc.
- Love the fact that the Farmers market is using Washington Park on Tues. I hope it goes.
- Parks & Rec should work much more closely with MPSD summer school to provide opportunities for children throughout the day, throughout the summer. As is, it seems that all the opportunities are for the same times of the day. Also, we need to consider more wheelchair accessible parks, features for various ages & stages of life. Including public transportation in the planning would be wise as well. Why not free bus tokens so kids can participate in Parks and Rec programs? Why not free bus transportation to take our elders to the farmers market or to an evening concert? Manitowoc is a beautiful place on the lake. Let's make an investment in this community.

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- We would like to see much more enforcement and monitoring of vehicles, noise, especially illegal fireworks and generally obnoxious behavior in Red Arrow Park and beach area. The problems are escalating and degrade the quality of the neighbor hoods surrounding the area. We are continuously told that there are not enough resources to monitor the area. Maybe some of the mowing activities in low use areas could be examined for their efficacy. 50 mile an hour grass does not need to be mowed every 5 days when no one uses it for any activities.
- Please work on a better trail system and improve our existing parks. Money and Staff will have to increased and I support a slight tax increase to increase our quality of life in Manitowoc. Outsiders come to Manitowoc to play Frisbee golf; they would also come to utilize a beautiful trail system that is centered around our parks/rivers and lakefront. Thank You.
- The lack of a good bicycle/running/walking trail system in the city is disappointing. Many smaller cities are implementing these into their traffic planning (Fond du Lac, Janesville, etc.). It would be nice to have that option in the city.
- We need to promote our city's river and lake front by hosting more community events. There should be something to do every week/weekend to draw people to the lake or downtown
- Green space is important to a community. Undeveloped (with trails) is as needed as developed.

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Response: General Comments

- The pool is a wonderful addition to the city. Please try to focus on the positive aspects on what it brings to the community instead of just looking at the money. It has been my favorite addition! I loved working there when it first opened and am looking forward to bringing my children there in the future.
- While My husband and I are empty nesters now, my answers reflect this stage in our life. Raising our children here, and considering that as I answered, my "ratings & responses" would have been very different. Manitowoc has come a long way in improving recreational options for children & our youth! Keep up the good work by providing so many options for people to utilize our parks and continue making Manitowoc a great city to raise families!
- You have a water park already that is used less than 3 months a year. Quit feeling so entitled to more all the time. How about we focus money on the drug epidemic first. And also, the shitty roads we have. You have lost your mind though, thinking we need more parks and more to do. Go to the beach if you wanna play in the water. Good God whoever wants this survey to show we need more parks is high on meth
- We have a great park system for the city of our size, hat tip to the people like Chad Schinoa and his crew who maintain it
- Manitowoc has great parks-keep up the great work!
- I love Manitowoc. We're a great tourist location. We just need to clean up and get some newer attractions. We should have more city hosted events.
- keep up the good work
- We have a pretty decent park system compared to other cities.
- It's not bad the way it is now, just a few tweaks here and there.
- Playground equipment at Silver Ridge park is kinda lame. Was it picked out by someone with no kids! The swings are ok, but it gets little to no use. Also, thanks for the new tree at this park, but someone needs to water them more often.
- I went to the meeting in mid-May and I was surprised at how many parks there were. Q15 would depend on the project and cost (more likely agree if it was an improvement to an existing park vs. purchase of land for a new park). Q10 is basically 1a-1f and then 7a-7b. Q12 Other Box: I hear about a lot of the events after it's too late (not checking city calendar all the time; utilize Facebook, twitter, Instagram, etc. more).
- Good work. Thank you.
- In order to bring people to the city to help fund these Park and Recreation ideas, we need to concentrate on turning our downtown into a place where people want to come, and enjoy all that Manitowoc has to offer. We need to turn it into something neat like Cedarburg or Sheboygan, a destination people want to drive to and spend a few days exploring. It was too bad that the city wouldn't fund the Main Street Program like Two Rivers did. People worked so hard on putting that together, and getting the approval, then to have to lose it because the city wouldn't help fund it like other cities do. Look how nice Two Rivers downtown looks compared to ours, and we have so much more to offer. Always lots of talk and very little action,
- I do not live in the city of Manitowoc, but I sure enjoy their parks. Thank you.
- Manitowoc is blessed with green space - an attractive draw to the community which could provide some wonderful opportunities for volunteering.

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Response: General Comments

- Please will always help with dollars and time for a good purpose. Our parks are a good purpose. People just need the knowledge that help is needed and a direction to move forward in.
- Thank You for letting me participate!
- Please continue to get this survey out to as many people as you can to get the most out as possible.
- Question 15 could be ranked differently depending on the project and its cost.
- City leaders and council members should get out and take a look at the amount of land that the city has now and the amount of people it has to take care of it
- Thank you for asking for input!
- In general parks are lovely and an attraction for the city
- #15 Is the question asking to increase allocations monetarily or use existing funds with greater delineation of tax appropriations? Are the park projects maintenance of existing systems or brand-new park projects? I disagreed, because the question needed definition.
- Thanks for asking. I've resided in Manitowoc for almost 20 years now, and over that time, I've seen little to no improvement, interest, or effort put into the parks. In fact, I've seen a gradual decline. Most recently, this attitude seems to be shifting in a positive direction.
- Ha issues trying to answer questions # 7. WI would answer one question the survey would delete another answer.
- Community work projects would be something i would help out with
- Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this process.
- Please find a way to create safe and enjoyable places for our kids and families to stay. This city always caters to the old and tight pocket republicans.
- The city of Manitowoc is a huge resource to residents and businesses in the rural county. More sales tax could be procured if the rural residents would choose to go to Manitowoc instead of Green Bay or Milwaukee.
- Parks are very important to the health and well-being of a city, and they reflect on the city in either a positive or a negative way.
- Manitowoc has a plethora of beautiful parks. The very best park is Lincoln Park and the Memorial Drive walking path is the best in the state. Great job everyone!!!!
- Thank you for asking for our input. The parks system is extremely important for any city. The more inviting you can make them the more use they will get.
- Something has to be done to attract tourism to Manitowoc. We are a city "dying on the vine" of Lake Michigan.

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Response: Maintenance – Related

- The parks are fine the way they are, kept up well. Not sure why our culture constantly finds the need to spend money... absolutely Not tax dollars!!!
- Our parks are an asset to the community and have been neglected for too long
- We visit a playground 6 days a week and would love to see them better taken care of. Unfortunately, they are under used in Manitowoc.
- I'm not sure how or where general park funding comes from, but I'm fairly certain it comes from existing tax dollars. With saying that future park projects should be coming from this finding. This should be fairly easy as we can see on a weekly basis the lack of upkeep on the softball diamonds. Turn the condition of the diamonds around and you'll have teams coming back to Manitowoc to play softball in turn increasing funding. With that being said I cannot answer question 14.
- We have a good thing going with the parks...it's worth it to update and maintain good quality!
- Could adopt a park work? Something like adopt a hwy. Businesses are named and do certain upkeep X amount of times a park seasons.
- Weed control and tree debris are unsightly along beach and river ways. If city wants tourists to enjoy areas they need to look nice.
- Again, maintain and improve upon existing parks.
- Toilet paper and paper toweling in restrooms
- Our once beautiful parks have deteriorated because of a lack of personnel and money to take care of them. Our streets are even worse. We are no longer a place that people brag about and want to move to.
- Indian Creek Park needs better garbage receptacle pick-up, and offer doggie poop bags.
- I believe we pay too much in taxes already for a very underkept city. Where does all of our money go anyways. The schools are horrible, cleanup is horrible.
- With the updates to Citizens Park in recent years (addition of the new youth sports complex and water center) I find it disappointing that my daughter plays on such a poorly maintained and ignored jungle gym equipment near the corner of New York and 18th. With broken plastic pieces on the tic tac toe wheels and just generally neglected landscape and painting is disappointing.
- Having lived in the Chicago and Milwaukee areas I have enjoyed their parks for decades but Manitowoc has the cleanest best maintained of them all!
- Better maintenance of city parks. Make sure bathrooms are clean. Make sure garbage cans are empty. Upkeep on baseball/softball diamonds.
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- I would love to see more cabin rentals like at the Lincoln Park zoo. There's a high demand for them and they are booked solid for the summer. I also would like to see a couple of 0 depth splash pads around the city. Surrounding communities have them I am unsure why we don't have them in our parks as well. I'm sure they would be a hit!
- Enjoy Silver Creek Park. I am amazed at the clean up there...makes the park very inviting...but do need to update the playground area... miss the city picnic there. As there was so much for the kids to do.
- Would love to see a water splash pad somewhere on the South side of Manitowoc.
- I will suggest an indoor water park.
- Bring the city picnic back to Silver Creek Park
- Red Arrow Park for the 4th of July!!!!!!
- Please consider doing something for the scuba divers in the community. The closest thing for scuba diving is in Door County.
- Splash pad! Manitowoc's weather, bad hours at aquatic center make it hard to use pool. Splash pads require low maintenance, can be used for longer season!
- I would love to see more Disc Golf Courses in existing or new Parks but before spending money on doing that please add benches and tee signs and more tee pads to the Indian Creek Disc Golf Course and turn it into a real park with parking lots, playground, shelters, bathrooms, etc.
- Please replace the shredded tires at Henry Schuette Park with a more modern and safer alternative.
- CP softball diamonds need help you have a great new complex for youth but now how about make the softball ones better so it is all great
- Providing planned and maintained green space throughout the city that provides more than a city block's worth of escape would be preferred. It would show the city's commitment to its' citizens standard of living.
- We are making great improvements for baseball and tennis. We are in dire need of improvement when it comes to soccer fields and facilities. Most other cities have beautiful complexes or fields within a park system.
- I would love for the city to look into opening a campground of some kind in the area - perhaps a way to generate income for parks department?

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Response: New Ideas

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- Bike stands at all parks so bikers can lock their bikes
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- As a handicapped person, I would like to see more concrete paths in the parks to some nice sitting areas. Would also like to see more benches for resting, especially along the Marina area, close to where the walk from the blue rail to the Marina store.
- There is a trail that goes from the end of Hazelwood Drive through the woods to Fleetwood Park. Many people use this as either a short cut or to go to the park and play. The trail has become extremely narrow and overgrown. There is also a ditch that goes through the woods that is rarely dry enough to walk through. I along with fellow neighbors think the citizens would greatly benefit from having a nice boardwalk with a bridge put in for that trail. Or even just having it maintained so it's not so overgrown.
- As the lead for the Maritime Bay Model Sailing Club we are looking for additional infrastructure at the Manitowoc Marina mooring area. Thanks for your consideration.

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- Please watch over parks so they feel safer plus sometimes drug needles are found. Help keep Manitowoc a great place to live.
- My son enjoys going to Schuette park, but I feel that in the last couple years it has been overrun by Jr high kids playing tag and not paying attention to the little ones. I have asked numerous times for them to be careful and I either get curse words or the finger. So sadly, we haven't used this facility for almost 2 years now. I don't know what can be done but I have heard other parents complain about it as well.
- Enforce loitering rules. I often feel unsafe at parks with my young children in the evenings because there are so many teenage kids hanging around, especially at the Schuette Park playground.
- Red Arrow Park is full of heroin needles. Being that it is closest to our house, that's where we would go if it were cleaner and safer. Keeping a police presence has lessened the drug activity and closing the parks at night would be a great starting point.
- I believe for the most part that our residents feel safe in most parks during daylight hours. People with children (or grand-children in my case) have concerns about evening hours. So, question #11 really needs to clarify "times of day" that I might feel safe.
- Increasing Police patrols to keep the riff - raff to a minimum would be great.
- Please keep a close eye on Washington Park. It appears to be very active with questionable activities.
- Maybe a patrol of Schuette park since there are teens there that seem to be up to trouble at times.

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- Safety in parks is a real concern. More maintenance and keeping up on landscaping would be helpful
- I think this survey is a good idea to see which parks are actually being use most and where we need to put the money. I read lots of about needles being found in parks now lately and I know that is a subject that concerns parents of kids playing etc. That would be a topic of some discussion that should happen. Some on FB pages suggested those orange buckets and possibly people finding them could dispose of them. Other than that, and a few for restroom/portables I am ok with the rest of this survey.
- If you can't effectively patrol the parks and make them safe and usable for desirable people, what good will they be. Till you do that it pays little to improve them.
- I feel very unsafe in the parks that are not visible to passersby. I would never even consider going to the beach because it is so secluded. Our parks are great hangouts for the drug users. The parks should be closed at dusk, unless it's lighted for tennis or playing ball. I don't think there is anything that can be done to change the unfortunate location of those parks. Sadly, some of the best waterfront is being used by manufacturing.
- We would like to see much more enforcement and monitoring of vehicles, noise, especially illegal fireworks and generally obnoxious behavior in Red Arrow Park and beach area. The problems are escalating and degrade the quality of the neighborhoods surrounding the area.

Question 16:

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of the Park and Recreation survey questions.

Response: Funding Options

- The parks are fine the way they are, kept up well. Not sure why our culture constantly finds the need to spend money... absolutely not tax dollars!!!
- Any grant money would be great
- The park system is an important asset to the quality of living in Manitowoc, and should be given a high priority when considering city budgets. We were drawn to Manitowoc because of the Lake and its enormous esthetic and quality of life aspects. And, I hope this continues to be a top priority in the future.
- Use a sales tax (like Brown County) to help pay for park improvements. That way you are getting money from non-residents that use the parks and shop/eat in Manitowoc.
- Up keep should be tax dollars the initial investments on structures and large projects should be fund raisers or naming rights.
- I don't think wasting more tax dollars on the current parks and recreation is the answer. Enough of our tax dollars are wasted, like waste money on trying to revitalize the downtown area. How much tax payer money is going to be wasted on that. I don't want to see the same thing happen with the parks.
- I would be in favor of the City allocating tax dollars to fund future park projects if it increased use and not just obtaining more land.
- County park receive huge revenues by allowing beer sales for events such as baseball games including games at the youth level. It is time to move on from the conservative past make some money to preserve our parks.
- I do believe it is the responsibility of the city to provide tax dollars to maintain the parks, but it is also their responsibility to seek out alternative funding sources, such as federal and state grants.
- I support using tax dollars for the park since we need to keep them up but I do not support using tax dollars for the parks over education, public safety, roads, etc.
- Manitowoc is lacking compared to other communities. Yes, we have a new baseball complex but with very little help and support from the city. It is time to take control and make an impact by improving the quality of life so that when people tour our community they want to stay and buy homes here. Quit penny pinching and invest in our community now before it is taken over by drugs and welfare.
- To better parks (& the city in general) I would not be opposed to an increase in property taxes. But I am concerned about the increasing, nasty element of people who just "hang out" at parks.
- There should be user fees for specific use ie volley ball or disc golf
- Taxes should be used for the common good. I am all in favor of increasing taxes for the betterment of our community!
- I think our parks are a wonderful asset to our city. I realize funding is a major hurdle in most cases. Hopefully a majority of residents see the value in a top-notch parks system, and investments will be seen as money well spent.
- I don't pay taxes to the city, but if I did I would be fine with them being allocated to the park system.

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Response: Funding Options

- I think pursuing a combination of funding sources is a great idea--it was hard to rank and pit those sources against each other!
- I am in favor of city taxes, but recognize the balance between needed services and improving quality of living.
- I would agree on spending money, but not on expanding. In fact, we need to have less park space
- Too much wasted money thrown at parks. Our road infrastructure is crumbling to pieces around us. Don't any officials drive the common road system? They are being destroyed by over salting and liquid spray use in winter.
- I am in favor of the City allocating tax dollars to fund future park projects in the event other infrastructure is addressed first. Said infrastructure should, in my opinion, include updating roads, adding traffic lights at high traffic/high risk intersections and creating increased parking opportunities downtown. Also, I feel as though tax dollars should be diverted to the larger social problems Manitowoc is facing at this moment including drug and crime issues as well as the lack of mental health services. Parks and Rec is important, but if your City residents are not healthy enough or don't feel safe enough to use them, the money put towards them is wasted.
- As the lead for the Maritime Bay Model Sailing Club we are looking for additional infrastructure at the Manitowoc Marina mooring area. Thanks for your consideration.

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Response: Water Front - Related

- Many parks are in disrepair. Other parks are simply open pieces of land with no real prime usage. Identify new opportunities for current low-usage parks. Basketball court improvements at Citizen's Park are a great start. Have we thought of turning the former tennis courts area at Union Park into basketball facilities? Would be a great place for regional 3-on-3 tournaments or adult/high school basketball leagues with the hillside providing spectating areas and those tournaments/leagues could generate some nice revenue. Outdoor basketball facilities in Manitowoc are severely lacking. Improvement and expansion of nature hiking trails should also be a priority as they are cost-effective and well-used when done correctly. Beachfront parks should start to take a front position in our priorities as well. Two Rivers does it far better than we do here, and that's a shame seeing as how we have so much frontage that we could be making better usage of, or moving to acquire more of it from private owners for public use.
- Let's become known as a trails-rich and bicycle-friendly community. We need to be known for something other than Steven Avery.
- I feel very unsafe in the parks that are not visible to passersby. I would never even consider going to the beach because it is so secluded. Our parks are great hangouts for the drug users. The parks should be closed at dusk, unless it's lighted for tennis or playing ball. I don't think there is anything that can be done to change the unfortunate location of those parks. Sadly, some of the best waterfront is being used by manufacturing.
- We would like to see much more enforcement and monitoring of vehicles, noise, especially illegal fireworks and generally obnoxious behavior in Red Arrow Park and beach area. The problems are escalating and degrade the quality of the neighbor hoods surrounding the area. We are continuously told that there is not enough resources to monitor the area. Maybe some of the mowing activities in low use areas could be examined for their efficacy. 50 mile an hour grass does not need to be mowed every 5 days when no one uses it for any activities.
- As a handicapped person, I would like to see more concrete paths in the parks to some nice sitting areas. Would also like to see more benches for resting, especially along the Marina area, close to where the walk from the Blue Rail to the Marina store.
- There is a trail that goes from the end of Hazelwood Drive through the woods to Fleetwood Park. Many people use this as either a short cut or to go to the park and play. The trail has become extremely narrow and overgrown. There is also a ditch that goes through the woods that is rarely dry enough to walk through. I along with fellow neighbors think the citizens would greatly benefit from having a nice boardwalk with a bridge put in for that trail. Or even just having it maintained so it's not so overgrown.
- As the lead for the Maritime Bay Model Sailing Club we are looking for additional infrastructure at the Manitowoc Marina mooring area. Thanks for your consideration.
- Investigate some kind of infiltration system for Red Arrow Beach storm water discharge similar to what was installed last year in Deland Park, Sheboygan.
- Continue to improve waterfront parks and access. The lakefront/riverfront is a crucial and underutilized asset
- Would love anything to do with beaches or water improved that is how we are going to get people to come to our city

Question 16:

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of the Park and Recreation survey questions.

Response: Water Front - Related

- I believe a River Front area cleaned up could become a destination and attraction that could lead to development of the downtown and river front.
- Promotion of the benefits of nature and the wonderful resources we have along the lakeshore should be priority number one!
- We need to promote our city's river and lake front by hosting more community events. There should be something to do every week/weekend to draw people to the lake or downtown
- If you want to go to the beach with your family you go to Two Rivers not Manitowoc We have Beautiful Trails but not at all welcoming We need to work on more than Sports

Question 16:

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Response: Recreational Programs

- We are heading in the right direction. The CP renovation is outstanding. Now let's finish it by improving the softball diamonds. Ron Rubick field needs turf. Let's get that done. Let's be the NE Wisconsin Lakeshore Musical hub!!!! Beautify our lakeshore area and Washington Park and let's have acts banging on the door to play here. You want 20/30 somethings to move here with families, they look for amenities and music is a huge amenity. We have better natural resources than GB and Appleton now let's promote them!!! Thank you for doing this survey. I am very excited about our direction.
- Having recently adopted Silver Creek Park and maintaining the trail system I have some concerns about the disc golf course taking total control of the park. I think that some of the parks natural beauty is being compromised in order to expand the golf course.
- Would it be possible to have an "adopt a park" option to help with the general maintenance with the baseball diamonds, grass cutting, cleaning up the beaches?
- See above response. I feel that adult sports should be just as important as kids sports as the kids who get older still want to be active in the sports they played in previously. Healthy adults benefit our city and all the activities our city has to offer. Keep us active by maintaining our softball/kickball fields and keeping volleyball active. More marketing would help.
- Plan activities for when the kids are NOT in summer school - August seems to be a little lacking. I would also like to have more option for night-time swim lessons - my family works during the day and we cannot get our son to lessons during the summer.
- Help to make the adult softball programs better it is hard to play on fields that are not maintained. It is frustrating when adult coed softball is cancelled due to storms but the little leagues still play
- I wish that the aquatic center would reconsider its hours. It's a nice facility and the prices are reasonable but unfortunately, it's Wisconsin and it opens early in the year when it's still too cool to be in an outside pool and closes early, when the weather is finally getting warm out. I understand this is likely due to staffing but I would also like to see it open earlier in the day. I have kids who are nap in the afternoon and by the time they are awake, it's close to dinner time and after that the pool is getting ready to close. It's just never convenient and many of our friends with kids have the same issue. We would probably use the facilities weekly, if not daily if it were open around 10 am. As of right now simply because of the hours of operation, we go maybe once a year at the most.
- Dale Street Park, completely underutilized.
- When I was younger, my local park (Westfield) had a daily 'get together' with a park leader who led us with games, activities and general friendship. Good times! Not sure this would be in the budget, but possible volunteers may or would come forward.
- Families need clean safe parks...too many softball fields...those days are gone...what happened to "playgrounds" for the kids during summer?
- Focus on the parks we have by improving their offerings. The locations of our City parks are good, but not well maintained. Perhaps having community involvement projects like adopt a park, etc.
- Love the fact that the Farmers market is using Washington Park on Tues. I hope it goes.

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Response: Recreational Programs

- Parks & Rec should work much more closely with MPSD summer school to provide opportunities for children throughout the day, throughout the summer. As is, it seems that all the opportunities are for the same times of the day. Also, we need to consider more wheelchair accessible parks, features for various ages & stages of life. Including public transportation in the planning would be wise as well. Why not free bus tokens so kids can participate in Parks and Rec programs? Why not free bus transportation to take our elders to the farmers market or to an evening concert? Manitowoc is a beautiful place on the lake. Let's make an investment in this community.
- We need to promote our city's river and lake front by hosting more community events. There should be something to do every week/weekend to draw people to the lake or downtown

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Response: Trail - Related

- Many parks are in disrepair. Other parks are simply open pieces of land with no real prime usage. Identify new opportunities for current low-usage parks. Basketball court improvements at Citizen's Park are a great start. Have we thought of turning the former tennis courts area at Union Park into basketball facilities? Would be a great place for regional 3-on-3 tournaments or adult/high school basketball leagues with the hillside providing spectating areas and those tournaments/leagues could generate some nice revenue. Outdoor basketball facilities in Manitowoc are severely lacking. Improvement and expansion of nature hiking trails should also be a priority as they are cost-effective and well-used when done correctly. Beachfront parks should start to take a front position in our priorities as well. Two Rivers does it far better than we do here, and that's a shame seeing as how we have so much frontage that we could be making better usage of, or moving to acquire more of it from private owners for public use.
- Bike stands at all parks so bikers can lock their bikes
- I'd like to read about statistics on how your trails plan will help Manitowoc. Where's the issue statement the plan is addressing? The public needs to know the issues and our elected officials should be telling us.
- we need immediate action, because we are way behind other cities in connectivity.
- The restroom on Mariners Trail needs to open earlier in the season. Lots of older folks walk and bike the trail and it is so nice to have the restrooms open for use. It also looks more hospitable to visitors to the area to have an open restroom - this is simply good PR. I think the parks in Mani are overall just great. Oh, I did notice some very unskilled pruning, with big stubs left, down along the shore in Red Arrow Park.
- I would be in favor of a 1/2 percent sales tax that would be used to better the parks and recreation areas in Manitowoc to give kids and families a place to have fun. People love hanging around water. Whether it's a natural body of water or a pool. Focus on upgrading those areas.
- Provide more bike lanes on city streets. i.e., the new Waldo Blvd. project.
- As a handicapped person, I would like to see more concrete paths in the parks to some nice sitting areas. Would also like to see more benches for resting, especially along the Marina area, close to where the walk from the blue rail to the Marina store.
- There is a trail that goes from the end of Hazelwood Drive through the woods to Fleetwood Park. Many people use this as either a short cut or to go to the park and play. The trail has become extremely narrow and overgrown. There is also a ditch that goes through the woods that is rarely dry enough to walk through. I along with fellow neighbors think the citizens would greatly benefit from having a nice boardwalk with a bridge put in for that trail. Or even just having it maintained so it's not so overgrown.
- Please work on a better trail system and improve our existing parks. Money and Staff will have to increased and I support a slight tax increase to increase our quality of life in Manitowoc. Outsiders come to Manitowoc to play Frisbee golf; they would also come to utilize a beautiful trail system that is centered around our parks/ivers and lakefront. Thank You.
- The lack of a good bicycle/running/walking trail system in the city is disappointing. Many smaller cities are implementing these into their traffic planning (Fond du Lac, Janesville, etc.). It would be nice to have that option in the city.
- If you want to go to the beach with your family you go to Two Rivers not Manitowoc. We have Beautiful Trails but not at all welcoming. We need to work on more than Sports
- Green space is important to a community. Undeveloped (with trails) is as needed as developed.

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of the Park and Recreation survey questions.

Response: Habitat for Wildlife

- If you could contact the Fish and Game city league and see if they would be interested in donating time or money for some of the water, wildlife and any other outdoor projects
- Manitowoc has many beautiful parks and they afford opportunities to attract visitors and promote a positive image and quality of life. There should be a greater emphasis on management of a portion of the parks as natural areas for low-impact activities. Vita Park is an ecological gem worthy of State Natural Area status. Please continue to preserve and manage that park and other conservancy areas for the benefit of wildlife, in particular wildflowers and birds.
- As much as I like dogs, I do enjoy the "no dogs" policy in the parks. It's nice to enjoy the areas set aside for enjoying our somewhat natural areas.
- Having recently adopted Silver Creek Park and maintaining the trail system I have some concerns about the disc golf course taking total control of the park. I think that some of the parks natural beauty is being compromised in order to expand the golf course.
- Promotion of the benefits of nature and the wonderful resources we have along the lakeshore should be priority number one!

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Response: Pet Friendly

- Need to be pet friendly to improve our tourism
- We need more pet friendly public areas. Visit the south sometime and you will see that we are very close minded about pets. They have coffee shops that allow pets and I can't take my dog to the open-air farmers market. Doesn't make sense!!!

Appendix C

2011-2016 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive
Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Recommendations

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A person in a white long-sleeved shirt and dark pants is running away from the camera on a gravel path. The path is surrounded by trees with yellow and green autumn foliage. The scene is bright and sunny.

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OUTDOOR RECREATION IN WISCONSIN





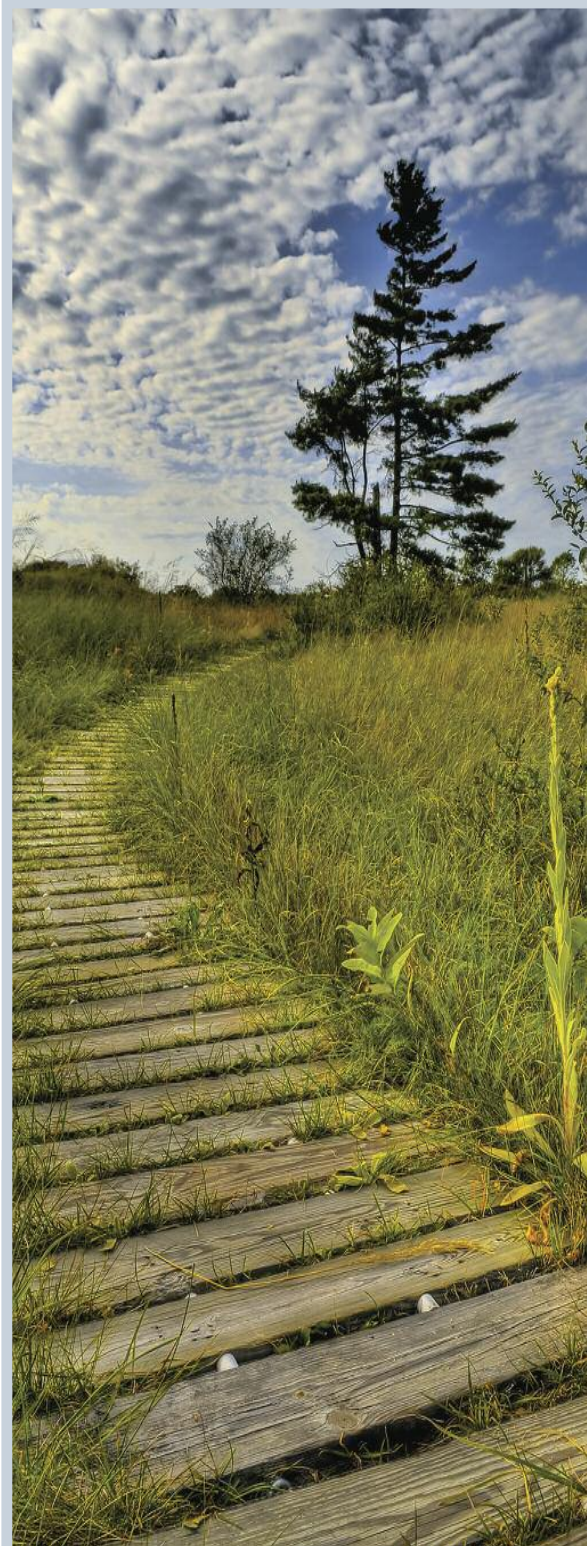
Wisconsin SCORP Outdoor Recreation Goals and Actions

In the collective, cross-country discussion that took place for the America's Great Outdoors (AGO) Initiative, Americans spoke from their minds and their hearts, and out of that came a clear vision: a future where their children are near safe and clean parks where they can “play, dream, discover, and recreate.” They see a future where everyone shares responsibility for protecting and caring for our natural and cultural heritage, where rural lands are conserved, and public and private lands essential to supporting wildlife and human needs are unified. They see a future where working together to restore and protect rivers and lakes means healthy lives and a healthy economy.

The State of Wisconsin can live up to this vision. The tenth and final theme of the AGO Report, “Make the Federal Government a More Effective Conservation Partner,” was developed out of the public’s plea that the federal government eliminate obstacles created by poor policies and processes that keep Americans from the outdoors. For people to reconnect to the great outdoors, the government at all levels—federal, state, local, and tribal—must improve as a conservation partner to the American public. By creating partnerships, aligning resources, and leveraging funding, government can achieve goals set in outdoor recreation planning.

Overall, the State of Wisconsin strives to align its goals with the AGO, while using AGO resources and assistance to conserve and restore unique lands and waters and to connect its population to the great outdoors. The 2011–2016 Wisconsin SCORP provides an extensive framework for merging state and federal visions.





**Everyone shares responsibility in protecting
and caring for our natural and cultural heritage.**

Overview

The goals and actions listed in this chapter represent a summation of targeted elements to encourage the citizens of Wisconsin to enjoy more of the state's great outdoors. For the most part, these actions take a broad approach to expanding outdoor recreation, with no one person or agency being able to accomplish all goals. The intent of this chapter is to provide a list of common goals and actions so that individuals and organizations working in outdoor recreation in Wisconsin may work together to improve and expand outdoor recreation opportunities in our state.

Goal: Assess, Understand, and Adapt to Growing Recreation Tourism Demands and Preferences



Wisconsin's lands and waters are a natural draw for outdoor recreation for both in-state and out-of-state visitors. The Wisconsin outdoor recreation economy contributes over \$9.7 billion annually while supporting 129,000 jobs. State initiatives such as Travel Green Wisconsin make connections between tourism, business, and the outdoors as important partners. These partnerships need to be maintained and enhanced to keep Wisconsin a leader in regional tourism.

Actions and Recommendations

- Understand the recreation and tourism preferences associated with growing market segments.
- Identify existing and emerging strategies to evaluate appropriate levels and types of service for expanding user groups.
- Hold an annual forum on outdoor recreation as part of the Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism.
- Continue collaborations between the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Tourism as well as other partners to promote outdoor recreation.
- Continue to promote and expand the Travel Green Wisconsin program for business connections to the outdoors.
- Maintain funding for tourism marketing to promote high quality outdoor recreation experiences.
- Acknowledge the potential issues surrounding climate change adaptation with outdoor recreation and tourism.

Goal: Improve Integration of Outdoor Recreation Interests and Needs in Land Use and Other Relevant Planning Efforts

One of the primary objectives of a SCORP is to improve the integration between state and local organizations, partners, and other organizations that provide or influence outdoor recreation. The SCORP presents a set of goals and actions that allow organizations to work together toward a common vision of improved outdoor recreation in the state. As recreation continues to place demands on public lands and waters, these partnerships will become even more important. By integrating outdoor recreation interests, decisions on the management of recreation resources and recreation opportunities become more effective, efficient, fair, reasoned, and defensible.



Actions and Recommendations

- Support outdoor recreation access and opportunities on public lands by establishing a State Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation.
- Support and align state agency programs and initiatives to promote the creation, expansion, and enhancement of urban parks and community green spaces.
- Manage state lands and waters within a larger landscape context to conserve and restore ecosystems and watershed health.
- Encourage regional planning efforts for integrated, cost-effective use of recreation lands and facilities.
- Provide education and awareness of how recreation uses can impact the natural resources along with actions to reduce those impacts.
- Promote the collaboration of public and private recreation opportunities through integrated management planning.

Goal: Continue to Provide and Enhance Public Access to Wisconsin Recreational Lands and Waters



As recreation continues to place demands on public lands and waters, the lack of public access to these areas has become an increasing concern for many state citizens. In some cases this perception is true; more water/boating access is needed in certain portions of the state. In many cases, however, public access to recreation resources does exist, but the public is simply not aware of it. Improved and easily accessible maps and signage would aid the public in locating these access points.

Actions and Recommendations

- Continue to develop a statewide interactive mapping system showing all public lands and water access points within the state.
- Continue to acquire and develop boating access sites to meet public boating needs.
- Promote awareness of the location of existing recreation lands, facilities, and opportunities available within a given region.
- Continue to meet Americans with the Disabilities Act standards for accessibility to outdoor recreation facilities.
- Support community based efforts to increase access to outdoor recreation.
- Promote sustainable recreation facility design, construction, and maintenance practices.

Goal: Conserve Rural Landscapes and Forests through Partnerships and Incentives

More than 80% of Wisconsin land is held in private ownership. Most of this land is farms and forests, and over 500,000 acres is held in trust by the United States for state Indian tribes. In areas where there is a large component of publicly held land, privately owned lands often provide important wildlife habitat and migration corridors. With so much of the state under private ownership, it is vital that we manage and protect these privately held lands to conserve water resources, ecosystems, wildlife habitat, and natural heritage for generations to come.



Actions and Recommendations

- Support financial and other incentives that increase access to outdoor recreation activities on or across private lands.
- Encourage large-scale land conservation partnership projects through economic incentives and technical assistance.
- Support collaborative landscape conservation through competitive processes, including increases in Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), stewardship funding, and other programs.
- Continue to support the Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative for habitat conservation and protection.

Goal: Address Funding Challenges Associated with Managing Wisconsin Outdoor Recreation Resources



From its early years of establishing state parks, Wisconsin has had an active program of land acquisition. The latest iteration of these programs is the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson 2010 Stewardship Program. Under this program, the State may issue bonds in a total not to exceed \$860 million spread over a 10 year period. The stewardship program targets land acquisition, property development, and local assistance. As Wisconsin recreation has received increasingly less state resources, targeted funding programs have provided vital support to an ever dwindling pool of funds for outdoor park and recreation lands and facilities.

Actions and Recommendations

- Encourage all local governments to develop park and recreation plans for participation in state and federal cost share programs.
- Provide more cost share opportunities for local governments to develop and maintain recreational lands and facilities.
- Provide adequate funding to the Wisconsin State Park System to meet the needs of its 14 million visitors a year.
- Explore new and innovative funding methods for outdoor park and recreation facilities. These methods may include public/private partnerships or cost sharing among many governmental agencies.
- Increase revenue generating capabilities for outdoor recreation by continuing to update and improve technologies such as automated fee collection systems.
- Increase the capacity of public lands friends groups to provide and support recreation facilities.

Goal: Promote Outdoor Recreation as a Means of Improving Public Health Among Wisconsinites

The United States as a whole (and Wisconsin is no exception) is in the midst of an overweight and obesity epidemic brought on by increasingly inactive lifestyles coupled with high caloric intakes. This epidemic has created rising health care costs and shortened life expectancies. Outdoor park and recreation areas can provide the type of active recreational opportunities key to reversing this trend. Encouraging Wisconsinites to use available lands and facilities will benefit not only park and recreation areas, but also Wisconsin citizens receiving the health benefits of increased activity.



Actions and Recommendations

- Develop a “Get Fit with Wisconsin Campaign” for public lands and waters that touts the health benefits of using recreational areas and reaches a wide audience of potential users.
- Educate the public about the health benefits of moderate and enjoyable physical activities such as walking, biking, nature study, etc.
- Integrate opportunities and incentives for exercise during the workday—give employees 30 minutes a day for exercise, provide exercise equipment, etc.
- Start a dialogue between public outdoor recreation providers and health agencies to identify other (non-traditional) funding sources for recreational facilities and development.
- Continue the “Walk with Walker Program” by encouraging citizens to use state parks, forests, and trails for health and wellness.
- Promote the mission of the “Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Health” on informing, promoting and encouraging citizens of Wisconsin to incorporate healthy eating and physical behaviors for a lifetime.

Goal: Establish Great Urban Parks and Community Green Spaces



Frederick Law Olmsted, the central architect of Milwaukee's Grand Necklace of Parks, extolled the virtues of outdoor space, especially for urban communities. Today, urban parks and community green spaces play an even more important role as special public places that promote health, provide economic benefits, and nurture democratic values by inviting casual interaction among citizens. Urban parks and community green spaces are essential for providing places for people to recreate outdoors, to find quiet and solitude, and to generally improve their quality of life.

Actions and Recommendations

- Create and enhance a new generation of safe, clean, accessible, and connected great urban parks and community green spaces.
- Connect people with urban parks, trails, and community green spaces.
- Target technical assistance support to communities as they create and enhance urban parks and community green spaces.
- Continue to provide funding to communities through the Stewardship Program to acquire and develop local park and greenway spaces.
- Leverage private community foundations and public funding to increase park acquisitions.
- Provide funding to restore, preserve, and protect historic outdoor facilities for future generations.



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Projects that Highlight Outdoor Recreation and Conservation

The Department of Interior held meetings with the State of Wisconsin and stakeholders to solicit ideas on how to best implement AGO in the state. These projects were identified for their potential to conserve important lands and build recreation opportunities and economic growth for the surrounding communities. Key stakeholders in the conversation included private landowners, local and tribal elected officials, community organizations, and outdoor-recreation and conservation groups.

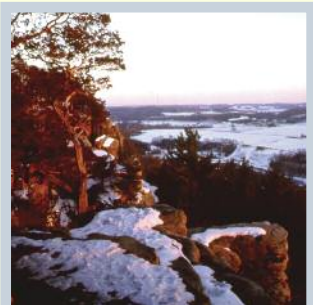
With the overarching goals of creating and enhancing urban parks and green spaces, renewing and restoring rivers, and conserving large, rural landscapes, three projects were identified within Wisconsin. These projects represent what are among the best investments in the nation to support a healthy and active population, conserve wildlife and working lands, and create travel, tourism, and outdoor-recreation jobs.

Lake Michigan Water Trail



The State of Wisconsin in partnership with federal and local agencies is developing a new, 523-mile water trail along the Lake Michigan shoreline. This water trail will become the state's second longest and will increase public access to the shoreline. A campaign starting in 2012 will engage local communities and private affiliates to help acquire land for and to build the new trail. The four states bordering Lake Michigan are also working to expand on the national recreation trail designation that exists on part of the lake. This partnership will support AGO priorities by enhancing recreational access and opportunities and engaging citizens in conservation and the great outdoors.

Ice Age National Scenic Trail



One area of great success has been the Baraboo Hills landscape. The variety of recreation options within a one-hour drive of Madison—the state capital—make the Baraboo Hills/Devil's Lake landscape a hub for outdoor activity that serves over 1.7 million visitors a year. The area combines

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One of only 11 national scenic trails in the United States, the Ice Age National Scenic Trail stretches for 1,200 miles across Wisconsin. State and local partners are working to connect trail segments through strategic land acquisition and easements.

unique geologic features, diverse fauna, prehistoric effigy mounds, historic Civilian Conservation Corps buildings, and spectacular scenery. The Baraboo Hills, long recognized as ecologically unique and valuable, host many preserves, state natural areas, and two state parks. The National Park Service designated the southern range of the Baraboo Hills as a national natural landmark in 1980. Various organizations, including the University of Wisconsin, Baraboo Range Preservation Association, National Park Service, State of Wisconsin, and Ice Age Trail Alliance, have formed a strong conservation partnership with the DNR, protecting thousands of acres through acquisitions and easements. This effort supports several AGO goals, including large landscape conservation, preservation of natural and culturally significant areas, and support for creative public-private partnerships.

Mississippi River Bluffs



Wisconsin, Illinois, and local nongovernmental organizations to promote the Mississippi River Bluffs region as an ecotourism destination. The bluffs connect people and communities with the outdoors while protecting regional heritage. In addition, the Mississippi River Bluffs partnership aims to protect water quality and reduce flooding by conserving targeted lands.

The Mississippi River Bluffs are part of the largest international bird migration corridor in the nation. They contain exceptional ecosystems—from algific talus slopes to hillside bluff prairies and rare forests. The State of Iowa has partnered with Minnesota,

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Appendix D

Grant and Funding Opportunities

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APPENDIX C: GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

<i>Program</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Deadlines</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Wisconsin Stewardship Programs						
Acquisition of Development Rights	Acquire development rights for nature-based outdoor recreation areas and activities	\$1.6 M available per year 50% local match	May 1	Funds available for areas where restrictions on residential, commercial & industrial development May include enhancements of outdoor recreation	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121
Aids for the Acquisition and Development of Local Parks (ADLP)	Acquire or develop public, nature-based outdoor recreation areas and facilities	\$4 M available per year 50% local match	May 1	A comprehensive outdoor recreation plan is required Priority for land acquisition Projects must comply with ADA	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121
Urban Greenspace Program (UGP)	Acquire land to provide natural space within or near urban areas, or to protect scenic or ecological features	\$1.6 M available per year 50% local match	May 1	A comprehensive outdoor recreation plan is required. Projects must comply with ADA	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121
Urban Rivers Grant Program (URGP)	Acquire land, or rights in lands, adjacent to urban rivers for the purpose of preserving or restoring them for economic revitalization or nature-based outdoor recreation activities	\$800,000 available per year 50% local match	May 1	A comprehensive outdoor recreation plan is required. Projects must comply with ADA	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121
Land & Water Conservation Fund (LAWCON)	Acquire or develop public outdoor recreation areas and facilities	50% local match per project	May 1	A comprehensive outdoor recreation plan is required	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121
Recreational Trails Act (RTA)	Provide funds for maintenance, development, rehabilitation, and acquisition of non-motorized multi-trails	50% local match per project	May 1	Funds may only be used on trails identified in or that further a goal of a local, county or state plan Funds may be used on trails that are in SCORP a state park plan	WDNR	Chris Halbur, Northeast District 920-662-5121

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Wisconsin Main Street Community Program	Comprehensive downtown revitalization program, which includes Streetscape improvements	Wisc. Dept. of Commerce	No Date	General downtown Program. May benefit trail enhancements through streetscaping	National Main Street Center	Bureau of Downtown Development 608-266-7531
Surface Transportation Environment Cooperative Research Program	Evaluate transportation control measures. Improve understanding of transportation demand factors. Develop performance indicators that will facilitate the analysis of transportation alternatives	20% local match per project	No Date	Money available for: development of national bicycle safety education curriculum grants to a national not-for-profit organization engages in promoting bicycle and pedestrian safety study of the safety issues attendant to the transportation of children to and from school by various transportation	FHWA	US Dept. of Transportation 202-366-4000
Urban Forestry Grants	Assistance for tree maintenance, planting, and public awareness	\$1,000 to \$25,00 of grants awarded with a 50% local match	October 1	Funding is prioritized for communities needing to develop an urban forestry plan, needing worker training, and needing to conduct a street tree inventory	WDNR Urban Forestry	Tracy Salisbury 2984 Shawano Ave Green Bay, WI 54313-6727 Phone: 920-662-5450 Fax: 920-662-5159 Email: Tracy.Salisbury@Wisconsin.gov

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Transportation Grants						
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	Provide facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists. Provides funding for rehabilitating and operating historic transportation buildings and structures as well as "Main Streets"	Funded with TE-Map 21 20% required match	February	Not a grant program. 80% of funds are reimbursed if all federal guidelines are met. Project must relate to surface transportation. Construction projects must be over \$100,000 Non-construction projects must be over \$25,000	WisDOT	Tressie Kamp 608-266-3973 http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21
Surface Discretionary Grant Program (STP-D)	Provides flexible funds that can be spent on a wide variety of projects, including roadway, bridges, transit facilities, and bike and pedestrian facilities	Funded with TE-Map 21 20% match required	February	Any project that fosters alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle trips Facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists System-wide bicycle planning Construction projects must be over \$100,000 Non-construction projects must be over \$25,000	WisDOT	Tressie Kamp 608-266-3973
Safe Routes to School Grant Program (SRTS)	Intended to combat childhood obesity and reestablish walking and biking to school	Funded with TE-Map 21	December	Funding for bicycle and pedestrian facilities Funding for pedestrian and bicycle safety and programs	WisDOT	Renee Callaway 608-266-3973
Section 5309 (old Section 3 discretionary funds)	Transit capital projects; included intermodal facilities such as bicycle racks on buses and bicycle parking at transit stations;	20% local match per project	Early Spring	Funding for this program is allocated on a discretionary basis Congress reserves money each year Administration can pick the projects	WisDOT Bureau of Transit	Ron Morse 608-266-1650

Community Grants:

Wisconsin Community Fund: These are for non-profits groups.

<http://www.forwardci.org/wisconsin-community-fund>

<http://www.cffoxvalley.org/page.aspx?pid=873>

Sports Field Grants:

<https://www.responsiblesports.com/programs/grants/rules>

<http://www.hksportsfields.com/sports-complex-financing/>

Playground Grants:

<http://www.bciburke.com/grants.html>

<http://www.miracle-recreation.com/purchase-options/playground-grants.html>

<http://www.playlsi.com/Research-Plan/Playground-Planning/Financing/Playground-Grants/Pages/Playground-Grants.aspx>

<http://korkatblog.com/playground-grants/>

<http://www.letsplay.com/get-involved/about-playground-grants?gclid=CJzZ2N792bgCFZA-Mgod6AsA6Q>

Educational: (Could be used for landscaping also)

<http://eeinwisconsin.org/core>

National: The National Parks and Recreation Association has fundraising ideas and resources along with grants for parks.

<http://www.nrpa.org/fundraising-resources/>

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Zoning – Wisconsin Statutes 62.23(7) - As the major tool in land use control, zoning establishes natural resource districts and other development zones, which define and preserve each district's specific character. Though not an ideal control measure, zoning districts help to keep conflicting and destructive developments out of agricultural and open space areas, provide pleasant residential areas, and limit the spread of urban growth with green belts and cluster developments.

Subdivision Regulations – Wisconsin Statutes 236 - A type of zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations can expand the acquisition capabilities for a community by requiring developers to reserve a certain percent of their subdivision land for recreation purposes. Or, in lieu of land, developers may often contribute to the local park fund. This practice saddles the developer with a burden, which his development would normally place upon the local government.

Where feasible, the City should acquire parkland through the land dedication process at the time lands are platted. The City's current subdivision regulations require subdividers to dedicate land or pay a fee-in-lieu of parkland dedication, at the time of plat approval. The City has in place a formula for developer fees in lieu of parkland acreage dedication as an option in negotiating with developers based upon the following formula.

Zoning Classification % Allocation of Total Gross Residential Acreage

R-1	5%
R-2, R-3	7%
R-4	9%
R-5, R-6, R-7	10%

Dedicated land should not be storm water management areas, 100-year floodplain, wetlands, or other lands that are not suitable for park improvements. The land dedication should be sufficient to provide parkland in newly developing areas, provided the dedication requirements are enforced.

Floodplain and Shoreline Zoning – Wisconsin Statutes 62.231 - Wisconsin Statutes require all villages, cities, and counties to develop and adopt adequate floodplain-shoreline zoning ordinances to protect areas adjacent to lakes and rivers. This type of zoning protects against unsafe developments in potential flood areas and helps to preserve the natural resources remaining along our waterway and marshlands from undesirable development.

Official Map – Wisconsin 62.23(6) - This device designates the lands which a municipality intends to reserve for future streets and parks use. As a means of implementing a comprehensive park plan, the Official Map provides tangible evidence of governmental intent to acquire open space parcels.

Assessment Policies - By assessing land that is used for agricultural, recreation of open space at a preferential rate, local citizens can help lessen the taxation burdens, which often stimulate owners to sell their land to a subdivider. This technique requires considerable study since it involves inequalities in tax responsibilities, but in some instances the threat to open space may justify it.

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Advance Purchase - By signing purchase agreements ahead of the actual date of purchase, the public agency fixes the purchase price, the landowner is relieved of up to 100 percent of the property tax, and the lands are preserved in their natural condition for future park development.

Donation - The ideal means of acquiring recreational and open space lands since it minimizes the public costs.

Easements and Rights - Several legal devices are commonly used to acquire less-than-fee title or partial rights to a piece of real estate. Such things as access rights, fishing or hunting rights, or scenic easements can usually be purchased at a cost substantially below the cost of fee title ownership. These arrangements allow concurrent public and private uses on the same property. As incentive to private property owners, it is important to emphasize the State of Wisconsin's recognition of recreational activity immunity for liability on recreational activities, as described in State Statutes 893.80(4).

Eminent Domain - Useful in protecting threatened parcels of unique land or to complete the acquisition of large parcels having many different owners. It is also useful to clear clouded titles. Excess condemnation of areas adjacent to road rights-of-way is another method of acquiring scenic and recreational land.

Fee Simple Acquisition - The landowner is given a sum of money for all rights to a specific piece of land or property. In Wisconsin, fee simple acquisition is the most common way of acquiring public lands for recreational uses. A land contract may also be used as a form of fee simple acquisition.

Land Banking - The land bank, which can be set up as a part of local government or a self-governing entity, can purchase land and then sell it for recreational purposes. Proceeds from the sale of land could be used for subsequent purchases. Initial financing could be provided through grants or by the issuance of bonds.

Leaseback - In this arrangement, the property is acquired by the public agency and then leased back to the original owner either in whole or part. This relieves the original owner of the tax burden, gives the public protective control of the land's use and allows limited continued use of the property.

Leases - Long-term leases are often suitable for acquiring developable park sites at minimal cost.

Option - This is a desirable tool to utilize on the short or long-term basis since it holds prices from rising while the purchase agreements and sources of funds are being arranged.

Option of Tax Delinquent Property - Often overlooked as a simple way of acquiring recreation land, local governments may make use of otherwise unused land for the public good through this means.

Trust for Public Lands - Private groups or organizations such as The Trust for Public Land or the Nature Conservancy can purchase outdoor recreation lands and hold these lands until a public agency can acquire them.

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Appendix G

Pop (Population) Facts: City of Manitowoc

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Pop-Facts: Household Quick Facts 2015 Report

City of Manitowoc

Place, (see appendix for geographies), aggregate

Description	Total Place	%
Households		
2020 Projection	14,783	
2015 Estimate	14,739	
2010 Census	14,661	
2000 Census	14,484	
Growth 2015 - 2020	0.30%	
Growth 2010 - 2015	0.53%	
Growth 2000 - 2010	1.22%	
2015 Est. Households by Household Income	14,739	
Income < \$15,000	1,802	12.23
Income \$15,000 - \$24,999	2,080	14.11
Income \$25,000 - \$34,999	1,992	13.52
Income \$35,000 - \$49,999	2,677	18.16
Income \$50,000 - \$74,999	2,527	17.14
Income \$75,000 - \$99,999	1,621	11.00
Income \$100,000 - \$124,999	1,034	7.02
Income \$125,000 - \$149,999	435	2.95
Income \$150,000 - \$199,999	348	2.36
Income \$200,000 - \$249,999	105	0.71
Income \$250,000 - \$499,999	97	0.66
Income \$500,000+	21	0.14
2015 Est. Average Household Income	\$56,410	
2015 Est. Median Household Income	\$43,380	
2015 Median HH Inc. by Single-Classification Race		
White Alone	43,224	
Black or African American Alone	41,250	
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	46,121	
Asian Alone	42,330	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	42,500	
Some Other Race Alone	52,621	
Two or More Races	49,038	
Hispanic or Latino	33,256	
Not Hispanic or Latino	43,769	

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Description	Total	
	Place	%
2015 Est. Households by Household Type	14,739	
Family Households	8,784	59.60
Nonfamily Households	5,955	40.40
2015 Est. Group Quarters Population	636	
2015 Est. Households by Household Size	14,739	
1-person	5,282	35.84
2-person	5,065	34.36
3-person	1,948	13.22
4-person	1,444	9.80
5-person	602	4.08
6-person	257	1.74
7-or-more-person	141	0.96
2015 Est. Average Household Size	2.22	
2015 Est. HHs by Type by Presence of Own Children	8,784	
Married-Couple Family, own children	2,426	27.62
Married-Couple Family, no own children	4,279	48.71
Male Householder, own children	370	4.21
Male Householder, no own children	266	3.03
Female Householder, own children	922	10.50
Female Householder, no own children	521	5.93